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### PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL S. N. COMPANY.

LIST OF DEPARTURES FROM BOMBAY FOR MARSEILLES & LONDON
WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT BRINDISI AND MALTA.

| Date of Sailing Saturday, 5-30 P.M. 1908. | Steamers. | Tons. | Connecting at Aden with | Tons |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4th Jan. | PERSIA | 7951 | ...... | ... |
| 11th " | ORIENTAL | 5284 | INDIA | 7911 |
| 18th " | OCEANA | 6610 | ...... | ... |
| 25th " | ORIENTAL | 5284 | MONGOLIA | 9505 |
| 1st Feb. | EGYPT | 7912 | ...... | ... |
| 8th " | CALEDONIA | 7558 | VICTORIA | 6522 |
| 15th " | ORIENTAL | 5284 | ...... | ... |
| 22nd " | MACEDONIA | 10512 | ...... | ... |
| 29th " | ARCADIA | 6603 | ...... | ... |
| 7th Mar. | CALEDONIA | 7558 | BRITANNIA | 6525 |
| 14th " | ARABIA | 7903 | ...... | ... |
| 21st " | CALEDONIA | 7558 | MOOLTAN | 9621 |
| 28th " | PERSIA | 7951 | ...... | ... |
| 4th Apr. | MARMORA | 10509 | ...... | ... |
| 11th " | EGYPT | 7912 | ...... | ... |
| 18th " | CALEDONIA | 7558 | MOLDAVIA | 9500 |
| 25th " | MACEDONIA | 10512 | ...... | ... |
| 2nd May | ORIENTAL | 5284 | HIMALAYA | 6898 |
| 9th " | CALEDONIA | 7558 | ...... | ... |
| [illegible] " | ORIENTAL | 5284 | MONGOLIA | 9505 |
| [illegible] " | ARABIA | 7903 | ...... | ... |

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| Vessels. | Tons. | Captains. | To Sail on THURSDAY |
|---|---|---|---|
| VILLE de la CIOTAT | 6,378 | Combe | 23rd Jan. 1908. |
| AUSTRALIEN | 6,365 | Verron | 20th Feb. " |
| NERA | 5,538 | Schmitz | 19th Mar. " |
| CALEDONIEN | 4,130 | Martin | 16th Apr. " |
| DUMBEA | 5,686 | Boyer | 14th May " |
| VILLE de la CIOTAT | 6,378 | Combe | 11th June " |
| AUSTRALIEN | 6,365 | Verron | 9th July " |

INTERCHANGEABLE TICKETS.

RETURN TICKETS can be made available for one way by the Messageries Maritimes and the return voyage by the Austrian Lloyd's at Reduced Fares.

TO AUSTRALIA DIRECT
AND THE FAR EAST, TRANSHIPPING AT COLOMBO.

| Vessels. | Tons. | Captain | To Sail on or about |
|---|---|---|---|
| [illegible] | 5,538 | Schmitz | 3rd Jan. 1908. |
| CALEDONIEN | 4,130 | Martin | 31st Jan. 1908. |
| DUMBEA | 5,686 | Boyer | 28th Feb. 1908. |

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### THE NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

JAPAN VIA SINGAPORE, HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.

| Vessels | Tons. | Captain. | Arrival. | Departure. 1908 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| RI MARU | ... | Hands | 25th Dec. | 8th Jan. |
| HI MARU | ... | T. Kon | 7th Jan. | 19th Jan. |
| N MARU | ... | T. Irisawa | 15th Jan. | 29th Jan. |
| AKI MARU | ... | A. Mocker | 28th Jan. | 9th Feb. |
| I MARU | ... | M. Winckler | 5th Feb. | 19th Feb. |
| OFU MARU | ... | K. Sato | 18th Feb. | 1st Mar. |
| HIMA MARU | ... | T. Arakawa | 26th Feb. | 11th Mar. |
| MIYA MARU | ... | R. Takeda | 10th Mar. | 22nd Mar. |
| MA MARU | ... | K. Kori | 18th Mar. | 1st April. |
| RI MARU | ... | Jas. Hands | 31st Mar. | 12th April. |
| SHI MARU | ... | T. Kon | 8th April | 22nd April |
| N MARU | ... | T. Irisawa | 21st April | 3rd May |
| SAKI MARU | ... | A. Mocker | 29th April | 13th May. |
| I MARU | ... | M. Winckler | 12th May | 24th May. |
| OFU MARU | ... | K. Sato | 20th May | 3rd June. |
| HIMA MARU | ... | T. Arakawa | 2nd June | 14th June. |
| MIYA MARU | ... | R. Takeda | 10th June | 24th June. |
| HIMA MARU | ... | K. Kori | 23rd June | 5th July. |
| RI MARU | ... | Jas. Hands | 1st July | 15th July. |
| MARU | ... | T. Kon | 14th July | 26th July |
| N MARU | ... | T. Irisawa | 22nd July | 5th Aug. |
| SAKI MARU | ... | A. Mocker | 4th Aug | 16th Aug. |
| I MARU | ... | M. Winckler | 12th Aug | 28th Aug. |

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### BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LD.

INTEND TO DESPATCH STEAMERS AS FOLLOWS:—

FOF KARACHI.

Weekly from Victoria Dock Wall No. 14 Shed.

| Steamers. | Tons. | Sailing Date. | Time. | Route.—Via. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LINGA | 2,170 | Mon. 6th Jan. | 11 a. m. | P. D & C.* |
| DUMRA | 1,700 | Thur. 2nd Jan. | 9 a. m. | Cutch Mandvie. |
| LHASA | 2,170 | Frid. 3rd Jan. | 10 a. m. | (direct). |

* Via Porebunder, Dwarka and Cutch Mandvie.

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31st December, 1907.

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UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT.

DIRECT LINE TO TRIESTE

| Steamers. | Tons | Captain. | To sail on | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| BOHEMIA | 4282 | M. Dabcevich | 16th Jan. | 1908 |
| AFRICA | 4596 | P. Badessich | 1st Feb. | 1908 |
| IMPERATOR | 4140 | F. Mosca | 16th Feb. | 1908 |
| KOERBER | 5301 | A. Foresti | 1st March | 1908 |
| BOHEMIA | 4282 | M. Dabcevich | 16th March | 1908 |
| AFRICA | 4596 | P. Badessich | 1st April | 1908 |
| IMPERATOR | 4140 | F. Mosca | 16th April | 1908 |
| KOERBER | 5301 | A. Foresti | 1st May | 1908 |
| BOHEMIA | 4282 | M. Dabcevich | 16th May | 1908 |
| AFRICA | 4596 | P. Badessich | 1st June | 1908 |

ORDINARY LINE TO TRIESTE.

| Steamers. | Tons | Captain | To sail on or about. |
|---|---|---|---|
| ‡ ISTOCK | 2891 | M. Ticac | 25th Jan. 1908. |
| * † NIPPON | 6317 | F. Tarabocchia | 25th Feb. 1908. |
| * † AUSTRIA | 7588 | G. Gillhuber | 26th Mar. 1908. |
| * † VORWAERTS | 5990 | B. Bednarz | 24th Apr. 1908. |
| * † PERSIA | 5895 | P. Cragliotto | 25th May 1908. |

* Will call at Karachi. † Will call at Fiume
‡ Takes no Passengers.

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Return Tickets are issued for the voyage, Bombay to Trieste, by Austrian Lloyd's and Genoa to Colombo by North German Lloyd's and vice versa.

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| Steamers. | Tons | Captain. | To sail on or about |
|---|---|---|---|
| VORWAERTS | 5990 | B. Bednarz | 20th Jan. 1908 |

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The following sailings have been arranged:—

| Steamers. | Captain. | Tons. | Date. 1907. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| CASTALIA | F. S. Blight | 6300 | 7th Jan. | 08. |
| BRITANNIA | R. J. Garrick | 3069 | 21st " | " |
| MASSILIA | J. Thomson | 5091 | 12th Feb. | " |
| OLYMPIA | C.F.Osborne,R.N.R. | 5124 | 29th " | " |
| CIRCASSIA | Alex Haig | 6,716 | 18th Mar | " |
| SCINDIA | Shafto Abrey | 5,106 | 26th " | " |
| CASTALIA | F. S. Blight | 6,300 | 11th April | " |
| BRITANNIA | R. J Garrick | 3,069 | 19th " | " |
| MASSILIA | J. Thomson | 5,091 | 14th May | " |
| OLYMPIA | C.F.OsborneR.N.R. | 5,124 | 27th " | " |
| CIRCASSIA | Alex Haig | 6,716 | 14th June | " |
| SCINDIA | Shafto Abrey | 5,106 | 25th " | " |
| CASTALIA | F. S. Blight | 6,300 | 15th July | " |

| | |
|---|---|
| Bombay to Suez | Rs. 385 |
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| Age next Birth day. | ASSURANCES OF Rs. 1000 PAYABLE AT DEATH. | | | | ENDOWMENT ASSURANCES OF Rs. 1000 | | | Age next Birthday. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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| | | 10 years. | 15 years. | 20 years. | 15 years. | 20 years. | 25 years. | |
| | Rs. a. | Rs. a. | Rs. a. | Rs. a. | Rs. a. | Rs. a. | Rs. a. | |
| 20 | 21 10 | 48 8 | 36 6 | 30 7 | 64 5 | 47 8 | 37 11 | 20 |
| 25 | 24 3 | 52 5 | 39 4 | 33 0 | 64 13 | 48 0 | 38 7 | 25 |
| 30 | 27 4 | 56 13 | 43 13 | 36 0 | 65 10 | 49 0 | 39 11 | 30 |
| 35 | 31 5 | 62 4 | 47 1 | 39 13 | 66 13 | 50 8 | 41 10 | 35 |
| 40 | 36 11 | 68 12 | 52 5 | 44 9 | 68 11 | 52 14 | 44 10 | 40 |
| 45 | 43 14 | 76 7 | 58 12 | ... | 71 11 | 56 13 | ... | 45 |

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|---|---|
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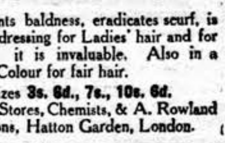

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## VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR—JAN. 1.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Alberto Treves | 2446 | Crows | |
| Ahmadi | 1640 | Hughes | B & P S N Co |
| Beme | 189 | Guy | Shaw Wallace Co |
| Caledonia | 3598 | Tocqiet | P & O Co |
| Durr | | | M M & Co |
| Dwarka | 759 | Moxon | M M & Co |
| Euphorbia | | Stevens | J M & C |
| Grantley Hall | 2586 | Jones | K Nixon & Co |
| averi | 91 | Le Meise | B & P S N Co |
| Helios | 800 | Kundsen | F F C & Co |
| Ipswich | 515 | Pelling | Shah S N Co |
| Investigator | | | S Mamoojee & Co |
| Kalima | 3149 | Walker | Bombay Co |
| Kirklee | 2175 | Watson | W & A Graham & Co |
| Landara | 2157 | Austin | M M & C |
| Lhasa | 936 | Rothwell | M M & Co |
| Maharani | 1666 | McCabe | T Morrison & Co |
| Moshtari | 1110 | Gore | B & P S N Co |
| Nairn | 2324 | Lesen | |
| Orissa | 3525 | Kedslie | M M & Co |
| President | 2087 | | A Strands |
| Peninsular | 2819 | Peters | P & O Co |
| Shah Jahan | 2566 | Davison | E Tajbhov |
| Shah Nasir | 2 5 | Grant | Shah N N Co |
| Scarthee | 2536 | Clergy | W & A G & Co |
| Stanley Hall | 2659 | Henderson | K Nixon & Co |
| Wiston Hall | 2729 | Maria | K N & Co |
| Zoroaster | 2375 | Ewan | K Nixon & Co |

## VESSELS IN DOCK—JAN. 1.

### PRINCE'S DOCK.

| Vessel. | Ton. | Capt. | Destination. | Date. | Agents. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| B Clan Mackintosh | 2943 | Lennox | A'werp | 10-1-08 | F Muir & Co |
| D&E Chupra | 3945 | England | Antwerp | 9-1-08 | M M & Co |
| F Satara | 34 9 | Tyrrel | N F | | M M & Co |
| H Majidi | 1820 | Coates | Mauritius | 2-1-08 | B & P S N Co |
| K Hindoo | 3156 | Jones | Hull via K'chi | 9-1 | P M & Co |
| M Mazagon | 3279 | Hodgson | Repairing | | M M & Co |
| N Baron Dalmeny | 2503 | Dodds | Baltimore | 1-1 | R A Willis |
| O Shah Ameer | 1922 | Pilling | Jeddah | 2-1-08 | H A Hassum |
| P Ehrenfels | 2799 | Kinkens | K'chi | 4-1-08 | Glade & Co |

Offside M

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mozaffari | 1387 | Molony | Jeddah | 2-1-08 | B & P S N Co |

Offside O

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sabarmati | 524 | Mohommed | Maugalore | 3-1 | Bo S N Co |

### VICTORIA DOCK.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Islanda | 5360 | Cunningham | K'chi | 2-1-08 | M M & Co |
| 2 Cast-Ha | 4031 | Blight | L'pool | 7-1-08 | W & A G & Co |
| 3 City of G'gow | 4111 | Greenhoon | K'chi | 3-1-08 | K N & Co |
| 5 Kybfels | 4996 | V n Thul'en | London | 11-1 | Glade & Co |
| 5 Uganda | 3498 | Farquharson | Stream | 12 | M M & Co |
| 8 Moyori Maru | 2736 | Hands | Kobe | 8-1-08 | N Y Kaisha |
| 9 Malta | 39 0 | Peters | N F | | P & O S N Co |
| 10&11 Banca | 3793 | Le Marc | Kobe | 4- -08 | P & O Co |
| 12 Persia | 4196 | Haughton | London | 4-1-08 | P & O Co |

M W D D

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sultan | 1751 | Ulrich | Z'bar | 3-1-08 | A Strandes |

## ARRIVALS.

| Dec. | Vessel. | Commander. | Destination. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 31 | Stanley Hall s | Henderson | Newport, Nov 27 |
| Jan. 1 | Alberts Treves s | Crows | Calcutta, Dec 20 |
| | Orissa s | Kedslie | Calcutta, Dec 20 |
| | Moshtari s | Gore | Aden, Dec 23 |
| | Lhasa s | Rothwell | Karachi, Dec 30 |

## DEPARTURES.

| Dec. | Vessel. | Commander. | From. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Elax s | Bramston | Aroe Bay |
| | Koerber s | Foreste | Trieste, &c |

## MADRAS.

### ARRIVALS.

| Dec. | Vessel. | From |
|---|---|---|
| 20 | Lord Kelvin | Calcutta |
| 20 | Alcona | Calcutta |
| 21 | Blythwood | Pondicherry |
| 27 | Thongwa | Straits |
| 30 | Nizam | Bombay |
| 30 | Lindula | Negapatam |

## THE IN-COMING MAIL.

THE P. and O. Co.'s steamer "Oceana" which is expected to arrive in Bombay to-morrow brings the following passengers:—

FROM LONDON.

Anderson, Mr R
Butterworth, Mr A
Brownell, Mr C N
Bolton, Mr J P
Bottliboi, Mrs
Bartrum, Mr E S
Croslegh, Mr L C
Carthew, Mrs
Cooper, Miss A M
Deane, Mr N B
Gordon, Mr G
Grant, Mr A G
Gardner, Mr D
Hilton, Mr C K
House, Mr
Joiner, Mr W
Joiner, Mr J H
Low, Mr
Low, Miss

McCombrish, Miss E
McMeekin, Mr J W
Morton, Mr J
Murray, Mr J
Morett, Mr A
McLean, Mr W G
Moitland Hereot, Mr and Mrs, Miss
Mitchell, Miss
Morris, Rev G I
Newing, Mr R D
Newing, Mrs
Ormrod, Mrs
Probyn, Miss E
Robertson, Miss J
Smith, Miss D
Turner, Dr A J
Wilson, Mr J R R
Wilson, Miss

FROM GIBRALTAR.

Crawford, Mr A T
Crawford, Miss R M

Mendes, Mr F C C

FROM MARSEILLES.

Allgood, Capt B
Birdwood, Major G T
Baird, Mr M P
Bowring, Mrs
Burstall, Col J H
Burstall, Mrs
Bird, Mr G R
Coventon, Mr
Cousins, Miss E M
Callender, Mr J O
Callender, Mrs
Dowring, Mr D M C
Darner, Mr O
Emmel, Mr
Fern, Mr E R
Fottrell, Miss K
Fern, Mrs
Gorabedian Mr and Mrs S
Geldart, Mr H M
Hay, Major H T H
Hay, Mrs
Hoardt, Mr R
Hewett, Mr H M P
Leckey, Mrs and inft
Moberley, Mr C H D
Moberley, Mrs
Meyer, Lt-Col C H L
Meyer, Mrs
McArther, Comdr A W
McWalters, Miss A
Mathews, Capt W T

Murphy, Mr A
MacLeod, Mr H T
Matheson, Mr and Mrs N
Muir, Mrs J
Macdonnell, Mr and Mrs
Mallock, Mrs E
McMurray, Mr T
Martin, Dr C J
Macbeth, Mr D
Nicroth, Count T
O'Conor, Mr J E
Owen, Miss
Partridge, Mrs W R
Pipon, Mr P J G
Pipon, Mrs
Phillips, Mrs M
Phillips, Miss
Pullen, Col J
Robb, Capt J J and Mrs
Ryan, Mr T
Saunders, Mr A F
Workman, Mr W H
Workman, Mrs F B
Williamson, Mr T
Webster, Miss
Webster, Mr N
Weylandt, Mrs O
Weylandt, Miss A
Watson, Mrs R
Wiasemsky, Prince, B

FROM BRINDISI.

Forbes, Mr A E B
White, Capt C J

FOR KARACHI.

Baldwin, Mr R deC
Johnston, Mrs H M and inft

FOR RANGOON.

McGeorge, Mr. J.

FOR CALCUTTA.

Macdonald, Mrs.

FOR HONGKONG.

Bretherton, Capt F
Creighton, Mrs J B
Carrington, Mrs L
Dorighty, Miss M
Goff, Mrs C J

Hull, Miss A
Lybrand, Mr A
StClair, Mr and Mrs H
Troup, Mr and Mrs T
Van Roden Clarence, Mr

FOR SYDNEY.

Bernard, Dr. A.

FOR AUCKLAND.

Jepson, Mr. P.

FOR HOBART.

Walsh, Mrs
Walsh, Miss

# COMMERCIAL NEWS.

## LONDON MARKETS.

LONDON, *December* 31.] [BOMBAY, *January* 1.

### FINANCIAL.

| | Rates. | Plus. | Minus. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2½ per cent. Consols ... | 84 1/18 | 1/16 | |
| 3 do. Rentes... ... | 95 3/4 | 1/4 | |
| 3½ do. Sterling Loan | 102 1/2 | 7/8 | |
| 3½ do. Govt. Securities ... | 83 3/4 | unchgd | |
| *Bar Silver in London ... | 24 7/8 | 3/8 | |
| Do. do. 2 months' hence | 25 1/8 | 3/8 | |
| Do. in New York ... | 53 1/2 | 3/4 | |
| Exchange on London at Paris ... | 25·16 1/2 | ·01½ | |
| Do. do. do. Berlin. | 20·50 1/2 | 1/2 | |
| Do. do. do. New York. | 4 84 1/8 | unchgd | |
| Discount Bank of England Rate. | 7o/osince | 7th Nov. | |
| Do. Short London Bills, 3 months' sight | 5 1/2 | | 3/8 |
| Do. Indian Bank Bills, 6 months' sight | 5 3/8 | | 1/8 |
| 3 Months' Fine Trade Bills ... | 6 1/4 | | 1/4 |
| Do. 6 Months' Fine Trade Bills ... | 5 3/4 | | 1/2 |
| Interest Day-to-day Loans ... | 6 3/4 | 1/4 | |
| Do. 7-day Market Loans | 6 3/4 | unchgd | |

Amount paid into the Bank of England, £100,000
Exchange on India, 30 days' sight (Bank's buying rate) 1s. 3 3/4d unchanged
* Closing tone of Silver—Chinese Enquiry.

### SPECIE SHIPMENTS.

Gold to Calcutta ... ... £ 20,000

### COTTON.

**Liverpool—**

| | |
|---|---|
| Spots ... ... ... ... | Quiet. |
| Futures ... ... ... ... | Steady. |
| East Indian ... ... ... | Quiet. |
| Manchester ... ... ... | Steady. |
| Total Sales ... ... ... | 6,000 bales. |
| Sold on Speculation and for Export | 300 |
| Imports... ... ... ... | 20,000 |
| Mid-Americans... ... ... | 6·18+05 |
| Egyptian F. G. F. Brown ... | 10 unchgd. |

Holidays until Friday.

**Future Delivery Prices—**

| Jan.-Feb. | Feb.-Mar. | Mar.-Apl. | Apl.-May. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5·78 +06 | 5·79 +06 | 5·81 +06 | 5·82 +06 |
| **May-June** | **June-July** | **July-Aug** | **Aug.-Sept.** |
| 5·82 +06 | 5·82 +06 | 5·80 +06 | 5·71 +05 |

**New York—**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Receipts at U. S. Ports ... | 97,000 | bales. |
| Do. do. last year... | 56,000 | " |
| Exports to Great Britain ... | 1,000 | " |
| Do. to Continent ... ... | 48,000 | " |

Spot Cotton—11·80 unchgd.

Futures—Month of Mar. 10 94+16
Do. do. May 10·98+14
{Advanced owing to Southern spinners said to be bidding more freely and to bull support and shorts Covering. Holiday New York to-morrow.

**New Orleans:—**
Spot Cotton—11 3/8+1/8
Futures—Month of March 11·16+09
Do. do. May 11 20+09
Closing Tone of Futures.—Steady.
New Orleans market closed on Wedesday and Thursday.

### WHEAT.

White Choice Karachi—38¾ Dec.-Jan.—London—Done.
Red F. A Q Karachi—Nominal.
Tone of Wheat—Dull.

### SEEDS.

**Rapeseed:—**
Yellow Gujarat, per 416 lbs. 85o/o ex-ship 56—Mar-Apl—Antwerp—Nominal.
Brown Cawnpore 51 1/4 Dec.-Jany.—Antwerp—Sellers.
Tone of Rapeseed—Dull.

**Linseed:—**
Bombay, per 416 lbs., ex-ship 45 Dec.-Jan.—Dunkirk—Sellers.
Tone of Linseed—Steady.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

**Coffee—**
In New York Fair Rio (No. 7 quality), 6 1/16 unchgd

**Rubber:—**
Para Rubber 3s. 5d. Value.

**Metals:—**

| | |
|---|---|
| Copper Braziers ... ... | £77 |
| Yellow Metal ... ... | d. 6 3/4 |

**Bar Iron:—**

| | |
|---|---|
| Belgian Ordinary Sizes F. O. B., Antwerp | £ 5 6 0 |
| Iron Corrugated Sheets 24 gauge G. O. B. 4 % F. O. B. Liverpool | £ 13 2 6 |
| Basic Steel Bars C. I. F. India | £ 5 16 6 |

**ARRIVALS:—**
"Falls of Moness," "Canterbury."

BOMBAY, JANUARY 1908.

Markets closed for New Year's Day.

## Quotations Received by Wire.

MADRAS, JANUARY 1.

The following are the London quotations received by special cablegram through Messrs. Scott and Tod, to-day:—

| Mines. | Share. | Paid up. | Buyers. | Sellers. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Anantapur Gold .... | £1 | 0s. | £0 14 6 | £0 15 9 |
| Balaghat (Ord) .... | £0 | 7s 6d. | £0 7 0 | £0 8 0 |
| Balaghat (Pref) .... | £10 | ... | £0 11 3 | £0 13 9 |
| Champion Reefs .... | 2s. 6d | 2s. 6d. | £0 6 6 | £0 7 6 |
| Hosur Gold .... | £1 | 15s. 4d. | £0 1 6 | £0 2 6 |
| Dec. G. F. Dev...... | £1 | 6s. 0d. | £0 0 1½ | £0 0 6 |
| Dhar. Gold Mines .. | £1 | £1 | £0 11 3 | £0 13 9 |
| Dharwar Reefs...... | £1 | £1 | £0 9 6 | £0 10 6 |
| G. F. Mysore ...... | £1 | £1 | nil | £0 0 3 |
| Glenrock, Ind ...... | 10s. | 9s. 9d. | £0 0 3 | £0 0 9 |
| G. F. Dharwar...... | £1 | £1 | £0 7 6 | £0 10 0 |
| Hutti.............. | £1 | £1 | £1 10 0 | £1 12 6 |
| Hyderabad Dec .... | £3 | £3 | £2 10 0 | £2 15 0 |
| Ind. Mines S n .... | 4s. | 3s. | £0 0 1½ | £0 0 6 |
| Kempinkoti New .. | 5s. | 5s. | £0 0 6 | £0 1 0 |
| Mysore Gold .... | 10s. | 10s. | £4 18 9 | £5 1 3 |
| Mysore Reef Ord.... | £1 | £1 | nil | £0 0 3 |
| Mysore West ...... | £1 | 19s. | £0 0 6 | £0 1 0 |
| Mysore Wynaad .... | £1 | 19s. | £0 0 6 | £0 1 0 |
| Nundydroog ...... | 10s. | 10s. | £0 19 6 | £1 1 6 |
| Ooregum (Ord) .... | 10s. | 10s. | £0 6 6 | £0 7 6 |
| Ooregum (Pref) .... | 10s. | 10s. | £0 10 0 | £0 11 0 |
| Road Block ........ | £1 | £1 | nil | £0 0 3 |
| Sangli Mines Ld .... | £1 | 18s. | £0 2 9 | £0 3 6 |
| Topuldodi ........ | £1 | 15s. | £0 1 6 | £0 2 6 |

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# DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE Charge for Announcements of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS, and MEMORIAM NOTICES which must be authenticated by the name and address of the senders, is Rs. 3 for six lines or less, and 8 as. for every additional line. CASH strictly in ADVANCE.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTH.

WEBSTER.—December 28, at Madras, the wife of Major O. G. Webster, I. M. S., of a daughter.

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# BOMBAY.

## TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 7h. 12m.; Sun sets, 6h. 13m.; High water, 9-37m., 10-52a.; Low water, 3-54m., 3-50a.
Bank Holiday
Skating Rink, Esplanade, 9-30 p m.
Excelsior Cinematograph, Esplanade, 7 p.m., 8-30 p m., and 10 p. m.
The Empire Cinematograph, Framji Cowasji Hall, 7 p.m., 8 30 p m., and 10 p.m.

PHASES OF THE MOON.—Jan. 4th, New Moon; 3h. 13·4m. a.m.; Jan. 10th, First Quarter, 7h. 22·9 p.m.; Jan. 18th, Full Moon, 7h 6 9m. p.m.; Jan. 26th, Last Quarter, 8h. 31·3m. p.m.; Jan. 4th, in Perigee, 6h. a.m.; Jan. 19th, in Apogee, 7h. p.m.

## THE WEEK'S CALENDAR.

Friday, January 3.—Municipal Standing Committee, 2-39 p. m. P. and O. steamer "Oceana," with English mails of 20th ult., due to arrive at 11 a. m. Mr Stevenson's Billiard Exhibition, Pyrke's Billiard Rooms, Apollo Bunder. 9-15 p. m. Sun rises, 7h. 13m. Sun sets 6h. 13m, High water, 10-31m., 11-38a. Low water, 4-45m., 4-35a.

Saturday, January 4.—Bombay Extra Races. Royal Bombay Yacht Club Races. Mr. Stevenson's Billiard Exhibition, Royal Bombay Yacht Club. Sun rises, 7h. 13m; Sun sets. 6h. 14m.; High water, 11-22m.; Low water, 5-34m., 5-20a.

Sunday, January 5.—2nd Sunday after Christmas. Sun rises, 7h. 13m; Sun sets, 6h 15m.; High water, 0-22m. 0-12a.; Low water, 6-22m. 0-5a.

Monday, January 6.—Bombay High Court re-opens after the Christmas vacation. Municipal Corporation, 3-39 p. m. Sun rises, 7h. 13m; Sun sets, 6h. 15m.; High water, 1-5m. 1-2a; Low water, 7-10m., 6-50a.

Tuesday, January 7.—Port Trustees' Inspection of Bombay Harbour and Light-houses. Mr Stevenson's Billiard Exhibition, Bombay Gymkhana. Sun rises, 7h. 14m. Sun sets, 6h. 16m. High water, 1-48m., 1-53a. Low water, 7-58m., 7-36a.

Wednesday, January 8.—Municipal Standing Committee, 4-9 p.m.; Sun rises, 7h. 14m; Sun sets, 6h. 17m; High water, 2-32m., 2-46a.; Low water, 8-47m., 8-23a.

EMPIRE CINEMATOGRAPH.—A large gathering was seen at the "Framji Cowasji Hall" yesterday. The New Programme of animated pictures exhibited with its usual grandeur satisfaction is as follows:—1. The Drama in the River:—Very sensational husband discovering wife's infidelity in amorous intercourse, shoots lover and whips wife to death, throwing lover into a River. 2. The (woman) Adventurer:—instigated, steals plans of war, which instigators failing their agreement, take by force; but on discovery of theft, the instigators are killed; 3. The Hen that lays the Golden Eggs:—The eggs a wealth ephemeral, which on first sight appear reality; 4 The Slave's Love:—The slave being loved, imprisoned, poisoned, whereon the seducer poisons himself; 5. The Electric Belt:—Wife thinks Belt would prevent husband's weakness—a plea to laughter.

## THE WEATHER.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SIMLA, JANUARY 1.

There is shallow depression in Northern India, no longer affecting weather. Skies are now clear over the whole country except South-East Madras.

Fresh disturbance passing eastward through Persia has given raining Ispahan.

In Burma, no cloud is reported, humidity is normal and temperature is normal, except for slight excess in the south.

In North-East India, including Orissa, the skies have cleared and Assam is free from cloud. Throughout division the air is drier than usual.

Chota Nagpur, and parts of Orissa contains average quantity of moisture; elsewhere the temperature is nearly normal.

In United Provinces, Central India and Central Provinces the skies have cleared completely; humidity continues much below average and temperature is normal.

In North-West India the skies have cleared. In Kashmir no cloud is reported from any part of division. Air is drier than usual in most stations; the temperature is approximately normal.

In the Peninsula the skies are lightly clouded in the south-east and is clear elsewhere Humidity is less than usual in parts of the Deccan but is equal to average in the rest of the division. The temperature is nearly normal.

Forecast.—No rain as likely.

A MESSAGE FROM MARS.
TO MOTORISTS:—
"Ring out the old, ring in the new
Ring out the false, ring in the true."
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# SPORTING NEWS.

## RACING.

## Bombay Third Extra Meeting.

## THE NEW PONIES.

Yesterday the third Extra Meeting was held at Mahaluxmi, a card of eight events providing some excellent finishes. The new ponies were catered for and so large were entries that this race had to be split up into three. Punters have learnt to be careful with these after some bad upsets on former occasions, but the results yesterday went more in their favour, and on the whole the bookmakers had a poor time of it.

The first division of the New Comers' Plate saw a big field of fourteen with very open betting, a promising looking chestnut, Esar, being installed favourite. In the race he fought out a grand finish after a tussel all the way from the distance with the well fancied Fantom a strong grey. This resulted in the defeat of the favourite by a mere head.

Fifteen elected to start in the second division, a deal of money coming for Mudkoor, a smart little grey, with money for Afreed. This again was a great race after the Minister was done with. The favourite held the lead but was displaced by Good Chance, and when British Flag and Rogers came up it looked all over with him By the stand, however, Mudkoor came again with a marvellous run and, squeezing inside Good Chance, just got there by a neck.

In the third division Maimoon and Martyn were practically equal favourites, it being said the former had beaten Fantom in a gallop. Mr. Mathradas Goculdas had previously received a half share and the pony shewed his worth by literally cantering in, standing out as the best of the new ones, though most of them were far from fit.

The first race, by the bye, was not run without an accident, Musjeed falling with Dark Metal near the stand and at one time everyone thought him dead. He, however, was only stunned for the time and was in the saddle again later in the day.

There was a bit of an upset in the Midget Maiden Plate for which Koomash was confidently supported and Norwood, on his Lucknow race second to Wordie Major, and Hobart in demand. It was a good race, as after Norwood and then Hobart looked like winning, Ragub came up and settled them.

A good thing in Dhamas came off in the Maiden Plate, winning as he liked after Galopin had set a cracking pace, Rashad easily securing his place.

The Mistletoe Plate was no less than a farce as three scratchings left only Killua and Baritone. Killua was made a hot favourite and won a pretty race after letting the other shew him the way to the distance, though he had not too much in hand.

Vedas shewed some of his old form in the Desert Plate when he soon passed Yatim and won after a strong challenge from Salanic and Herricul Herricul came very strong and but for bumping Salanic would have gone very near winning.

His previous win secured Royal plenty of support in the Selling Plate, but he quite failed to stay out the six furlongs, shutting up like a book soon after the distance. Here Rummah came into the lead holding Swordsman safe, but Royal Red coming through passed the post in front without feeling the whip.

Details:—

### FIRST NEW COMERS' PLATE.

Winner Rs. 200, second Rs. 100, third Rs. 50 for Arabs; the hands and under landed since 1st July 1907. 14 hands to carry 9st 7lbs W I Distance half mile.—

Mr Pitt's Fantom 8st 3lbs ........................Kamad 1
Mr Fatahalla Essack's Easar 8st 9lbs............J Taylor 2
Mr Alli bin Talib's Lassa 8st 3lbs .........C B Mahomed 3
Hajee Mahmood Mahomed's Malik Jaman 8st 9lbs Kilborn 4

Also ran:—Devon 8st 12lbs, Hoodaile 8st 9lbs, Narsin 8st 6lbs, Rome Alli 8st 3lbs, Dark Metal 8st 3lbs, Road 8st carried 8st 7lbs, Virtuous Bay 7st 8lbs, Pootas 7st 3lbs, Porter 7st 5lbs, Lenzo 7st 5lbs.

Betting:—5 to 2 against Esar, 6 to 1 Fantom and Dark Metal, 7 to 1 Malik Caman, 8 to 1 Devon Lassa and Narsin and longer odds the rest.

The Race—All got away in a straggly start, Malik Taman went to the front followed by Esar and Narsin, Esar holding a slight lead at the bend where there was a bunch with Malik Jaman, Narsin, Fantom, Lassa and Dark Metal in the front batch. Esar was leading well when Fantom made his run passing Malik Jaman, followed by Lassa and Dark Metal came down near the rails. Fantom was going well but Kamad had to bring out the whip to win by a head, length next and good fourth.

Time.—56 secs.

Mujeed had to be carried in and was found to have slight concussion.

### THE MIDGET MAIDEN PLATE.

Winner Rs. 200, second Rs. 100, third Rs. 50, for maiden Arabs 13-3 and under; 13-3 to carry 8st, 10lbs W. I. Distance half mile:—

Mr Wallace's Ragub 8st 7lbs ......................Kamad 1
Mr Newton's Little John 7st 12lbs .... ........Yussuff 2
Mr A S Oomer's Norwood 8st 1lb .................Abbas 3
Mr Ali bin Talib's Koomash 8st 10lbs...........Heeroo 4

Also ran.—Pilot 8st 10lbs carried 8st 11lbs. Orak 8st 7lbs Mufrud 8st 7lbs carried 8st 9lbs, Silver Stream 8st 4lbs carried 8st 5lbs, Hobart 7st 3 lbs carried 7st 8lbs.

Betting.—6 to 4 against Koomash, 3 to 1 Hobart and Norwood, 6 to 1 Rajub, 8 to 1 Oorak and Little John and longer odds the next.

The Race—Rajub led out followed by Norwood who was going well with the lead at the bend with Koomash and Hobart next. At the distance, however, Norwood was passed by Rajub, and Little John drew up to beat him a neck. Ragub won well by three quarters. Good fourth with Hobart close up

Time:- 55 1-5 secs.

### SECOND NEW COMER'S PLATE.

Winner Rs. 200, second Rs, 100, third Rs. 50, for Arabs 14 hands and under landed since 1st July 1907, 14 hands to carry 9st 7lbs W. I. Distance—half mile:—

R R S' Madkoor 7st 11lbs ............................Killorn 1
Mr Zaid bin Mahomed's Good Chance 8st 0lb carried 8st 3lbs ..................................................Taylor 2
Mr Kadair Abdul Rehman's British Flag 7st 8lbs Yussuff 3
Mr Hamed Hazanry's Rogers 7st 5lbs .............Abdoola 4

Also ran.—Bassam 9st 1lb, Futtahal Kher 9st 1lb, Voucher 8st 9lbs, Afreed 8st 9lbs, Naief 8st 6lbs, The Minister 8st 6lbs, Arab Prince 7st 12lbs, Young Rajput 8st, Hamyer 7st 11lbs, Mijlid 6st 10lbs cd 7st 1lb.

Betting:—6 to 4 against Mudkoor, 3 to 1 Afreed, 8 to 1 Naief and ten to one and longer odds the rest.

The Race:—The Minister and Arab Prince got the best of the start in a field of fifteen, Mudkoor coming into a handy position at the bend and soon after both the first named began to fall away Good Chance came at the favourite and passed him, British Flag and Rogers coming fast in the middle of the course. Mudkoor seemed out of it then opposite the stand he came again with a great dash and, squeezing in on the rails, won a grand race by a neck, length next and good fourth. Time—56 2/5secs.

### THE MAIDEN PLATE.

Winner Rs. 500, second Rs. 200, third Rs. 100 for maiden Arabs W A Reduced 5lbs. Allowance—Ponies 14 hands and under 5lbs. Distance 7 furlongs:—

Mr A K Realymoney's Dhamas 8st 12lbs......Williams 1
Mr Ali bin Talib's Rashad 8st 9lbs ..............Beeroo 2
Messrs A G culdas and Nanjee's Galopin 7st 11lbs carried 7st 13lb ............................................Bradshaw 3
Mr Dawood Essack's Moscow 8st 4lbs.............J Taylor 4

Also ran.—Makhjoom 8st 8lbs, Tall 8st 9lb, Krushan 8st 9lbs, Elector 8st 7lbs, Idbas 8st 4lbs, and Noofal 7st 11lbs.

Betting:—5 to 4 on Dhamas, 4 to 1 against Galopin 6 to 1 Rashad and Krushan, 7 to 1 Moscow and longer odds the rest.

The Race:—Galopin jumping out soon shewed four clear lengths in front of Dhamas and Rashad Past the half mile Rashad came up to Galopin and Dhamas also passed him at the bend. Rashad was under the whip at the distance but stayed Galopin out by three quarters, Dhamas winning easily by three lengths; poor fourth. Time:—1 mile 37 secs.

### THE MISBLETOE PLATE.

Winner Rs 500, second Rs. 200, third Rs. 100. A high weight handicap for horses. Distance 6 furlongs:—

Mr R R S' Killua 10 st 4 lbs ... ........................Williams 1
Mr W Hutchins Baritone 8 st 2 lbs ................Beaumont 2

Betting:—7 to 2 on Killua, 5 to 2 against Baritone.

The Race:—Baritone led Killua by about half a length to the distance where the favourite came up and won with a little in hand by a head. Time—1 mins. 16 secs.

### DESERT PLATE.

Winner Rs. 500, second Rs. 200, third Rs. 600. A light weight handicap for Arabs 14 hands and under. Distance—5 furlongs:—

Messrs M Goculdas and A Nanjie's Vedas 8st 7lbs Bradshaw 1
Mr Ali Din Sahib's Herricul 8st 12lbs...C B Mahomed 2
Mr L K Kapadia's Darby 8st ........................Kamad 3
Mr M A Khan's Salanic 8st 10 lbs ................Williams 4

Also ran:—Mint 9st 5lbs, Scimitar 8st 13lbs, Crediitor 8st 11lbs, Yatim 7st 8lbs, Basheer 7st 6lbs, Anne 7st 5lbs, Gaucho 7st 3lbs, carried 7st 4lbs, Fadil 6st 9lbs, carried 6st 12lbs, (Patna 6st 7lbs) carried 6st 8 lbs.

Betting:—5 to 4 on Salanic, 4 to 1 against Darby, 5 to 1 Vedas 8 to 1 Herricul and longer odds the rest

The Race:—Yatim was first away but Vedas soon passed him followed by Salanic close up, Herricul coming up third. At the bend Salanic was first and Herricul came outside bumping him at the distance, Vedas nicely in hand won by three quarters, length next and fair fourth. Time.—1 min. 6 3/5 secs.

### THIRD NEW COMERS' PLATE.

Winner Rs 200, second Rs 100, third Rs. 50, for Arabs 14 hands and under landed since 1st July 1907 14 hands to carry 9st 7 lbs W. I. Distance half mile:—

Mr Abdoola Mana's Maimoon 8st 6lbs...... Bradshaw 1
Mr Sulleman Babar's Nofa 8st 9lbs ...............Heeroo 2
Mr Adil's Martyn 8st 3lbs.................................J Taylor 3
Mr A S Oomer's 7st 11lbs ........................Oomer Khan 4

Also ran:—Great Power 8st 12lbs, My Pet 8st 12lbs, Arcadia 8st 9lbs, Steward 8st 9lbs, Monster 8st 3lbs, Thamir 8st 3lbs, Hullo 8st, Godolphin 7st 11lbs, disguise 7st 11lbs, Don't Forget 7st 5lbs.

Betting:—3 to 1 against Martyn, 7 to 2 Maimoon, 5 to 1 Hullo and Disguise, 6 to 1 Nofa, tens and longer odds the rest.

The Race:—Nofa led out followed by a bunch from which Maimoon showed out and held the lead at the bend. Nofa held on and Martyn drew up but Maimoon stayed on to win very easily by two and half-lengths, a length and a half next.

Time:—55 2-5 secs.

### SELLING PLATE.

Winner Rs. 500, second Rs 200, third Rs. 100 a handicap for Arabs entered to be sold for Rs. 1,000. Distance 6 furlongs:—

Messrs M Goculdas and A Nanjee's Royal Red 8st car 8st 3lbs....................................................Taylor 1
Mr A M Shamlan's Rummah 8st 13lbs ...Oomer Khan 2
Mr Mahomed Haji Ibrahim's Swordsman 7st 10lbs Yussuff 3
Mr Mukdeei Abdoola's Zir 6st 7lbs .................Abdoola 4

Also ran:—Royal 9st 8lbs, Deenan 9st 3lbs, Chum Chuman 7st 2lbs, (carried 9st 4lbs)

Betting:—5 to 4 on Royal, 5 to 1 against Royal Red, and Swordsman, 6 to 1 Deenan and Rummah and tens the rest.

The Race:—Zir got out first from a poor start to lead Rummah by a clear two lengths but Royal came up and passed both soon after the half mile. At the bend Rummah came again and the favourite was beat Rummah looked all over a winner till opposite the stand. Royal Red came through and won well in hand by half a length, a length and a quarter next.

Time:—1 min 22 3-5 secs.

## CALCUTTA HORSE SHOW.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 1.

There was a large gathering at the Tollygunge Horse Show to-day, including the Viceroy and Lord Kitchener, Lady Minto gave away the prizes. The Jodhpore polo ponies carried off almost all the prizes in their class. The Maharajah of Kuch Behar took one pair prize and Lord Minto the other. In the Ladies Hack Class Mrs. Forsyth's Arrived was first, Mr. Ismay's Day and Night won the jumping competition for horses and Mr. Barrow's Puck that for ponies.

## CRICKET.

## Madras vs. Ceylon.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, JANUARY 1.

A Cricket match between the Madras Presidency team and All Ceylon ended yesterday at Colombo in a victory for the home team. Ceylon thus won all fixtures and have avenged their defeat of 1905.

## THE MARKET OF DELIGHTS.

With the exodus of the hawkers from Ludgate-hill London loses one of its finest Christmas sights. The two serried lines of curiosity-mongers appealed to young and old. They introduced us to the most ingenious novelties, and made us ponder, heavily if not profoundly, on the application of inventive science to the nursery. As picturesque as Guardsmen, their appearance was much more varied than uniforms can ever be, while their wares were more compelling than brightly gleaming bayonets and swords. The dome of St. Paul's took on an air of benignity when it gazed down on them, the young faces they were lighting up and the old faces they were softening. If it had been constructed for the very purpose, the Hill could not have more effectually displayed their mingled exhibition of discipline and independence.

And now the place will know them no more There is no help for it. They must go. Indeed, they have gone. If people had not been perplexed and indignant when the shock broke they would have proved themselves unworthy of such a Christmas entertainment as they have enjoyed in past years. We ourselves yielded to no one in our sorrowful anger, not even to the Lord Mayor and Sir William Treloar, who have shown their sympathy by doing what men and magistrates may to secure a withdrawal of the Chief Commissioner's edict. But he, the all-powerful one, stands firm. In him too there is a heart to feel for the hawkers' woes. At the same time he has an eye to the public interest, and in his opinion the continuance of the toy market on Ludgate hill is incompatible with that interest.

At first it was difficult to understand how danger could come from the show After the explanation given by the Chief Commissioner to our representative, however, we are bound to concede that he has reason. The slope of Ludgate-hill, when motors are skidding and passengers forced to depart from the footpath to the road, makes the spot dangerous as a pitch. Such is the Chief Commissioner's argument, and, whether one agrees with him or not, satisfaction cannot be withheld from the sight of a public official who stands firm by his policy despite clamour and appeal. Nor can it be denied that the Chief Commissioner, having decided to take a disagreeable course, has taken it tactfully and well, The hawkers have been moved on with consideration.

They have discovered another pitch. A public which sympathises and wants to buy toys will come on them without much inconvenience in the neighbourhood of Holborn. There, it is said, they will be allowed to stand and sell as they may. Now is the time for every good father and mother, every beneficent uncle, and every independent child, to prove that they appreciate the penny marvels of the modern toymaker and the honest folk who put the modest treasures within their reach. Holborn is not far from Ludgate-hill. Let it become the new pathway of joy to the child, the new refreshing retrospect to the men and women who imagine, except at Christmas time, that they have lost their fairyland.

The "high majesty of Paul's" must feel, nevertheless, that its vision has been sorely circumscribed. No longer can it gaze upon the evidences of the youth of man. We like to fancy it will miss the hawkers and all they brought, into a focus as it were, of the perennial freshness of childhood Nobody can deny, however great their wish to put a good face on the inevitable, that no Holborn that ever was, or will be, can quite supply the place of Ludgate hill. We must even make the best of a bad job, grin and bide by it, not spare the Chief Commissioner our wrathful denunciation He has but done his duty,

But this much let us say: that we believe so sincerely in the goodness of the hawkers' mission, apart from any feeling for them personally, that, if we thought they would be doomed to extinction, we should be ready to wish for a stoppage of motor-buses—yes, even for a diversion of the heavy traffic—rather than a distraction of the Christmas toy-market. An absurd wish? No doubt. We are fully conscious of its wickedness. But think how much traffic we have all the year round, how great are the opportunities to enjoy the motor-bus—how few the invitations to become boys and girls again for a few minutes! A toy-shop—particularly such a toy-shop as the hawkers'—is something more than a mere matter of commerce and bargains. It is the very poetry of rejuvenescence; a reminder of the world's eternal youth. For that benefit we would indeed sacrifice the motor-buses for a week or two.

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## NEW YEAR'S HONOURS.

So far as Bombay is concerned the New Year's Honours List might almost have remained unpublished. We cannot imagine any reason for so completely ignoring the claims of this presidency or, for the matter of that, for decorating the one individual who has been selected for a Companionship of the Indian Empire. Mr. Selby has no doubt done good work and "earned his pay," but we do not think even his best friends would claim that he had done more. Far more satisfactory would it have been if the Hon'ble Mr. Muir Mackenzie had received some acknowledgement of his services as Governor of Bombay in the interregnum which followed Lord Lamington's resignation. But we do not suppose that the honourable gentleman will follow Lord Curzon's example and "make a song" about it. We fully anticipated he would have received a Knighthood. Why is there nothing for anyone of the Additional Members of Council and for men who at their own cost of time and money have done good public service? Are there no officers in the Indian Medical Service, or in the Royal Indian Marine, who have merited public acknowledgement of their efforts towards the good of the country and its people? None in the Municipality of Bombay or Mofussil Municipalities? No Plague Officers? Bombay has been overlooked, neglected, and we sympathise with those who expected things and were disappointed. Baubles, like kisses, go by favour, and it is sometimes easier to show cause why they should not be conferred on certain individuals than why they should be on others. However for the disappointed there is hope—if only of the kind which inspires each ticket-holder in the Derby Sweep. Their turn is as likely to come as anybody else's and if not at New Year, why then on King's Birthday, and if not in 1908, some other year. While there is life there is hope. There is one feature in the Honours List which must give satisfaction to the trading classes, namely the award of a Companionship of the Indian Empire to Mr. Elworthy. For years he was Chairman of the Calcutta Trades Association and sat on the Legislative Council of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal. A man of great shrewdness and business ability, he raised the Trades Association to be a power in the presidency and rendered excellent service to the State in Bengal.

**AN OLD TIME JUDGE.** A NEW volume on Bombay has just been issued by Messrs. Longmans, Green & Co. under the title "Bombay in the Days of George IV, Memoirs of Sir Edward West, Chief Justice of the King's Court during its conflict with the East India Company, with hitherto unpublished Documents," by F. Dawtrey Drewitt, M. A., M. D., Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians. The author informs us that the greater part of this necessary vindication of the acts of one whose reputation has been at the mercy of his opponents was written some time ago. It has no relation to present vexed questions. Whatever enchantment distance may lend, Bombay in the days of George IV can have no more resemblance to modern Bombay than a Collector in the time of Thackeray to the scrupulous and efficient Indian Civil Servant of to-day. "Sir Edward West," writes his biographer, "lived and died a champion of judicial integrity. He brought to the service of India neither military skill nor subtle diplomacy but that moral force by which England holds her vast Empire. An able and just King's Judge sent to India by the Crown, he upheld on behalf of Parliament British honour and fair play against greed and injustice. His faith, that what was morally wrong could not by any means be politically right, helped to keep the reputation of his country Surat in rather close atmosphere of the Company's rule at Bombay. Yet so little has been made public of Sir Edward West's in India that the Dictionary of National Biography knows him only as a political economist and devotes but a single sentence to his life as an Indian judge. Such notices of him as exist betray so much bias on the side of the East India Company and against the King's Judge as to give false impressions." Like other judges sent to India to check the irregularities of the Company, Sir Edward West soon died at his task. His death was immediately followed by that of his wife and of his brother Judge, Sir Charles Chambers. A daughter aged two years was the only member of his family life "and thus opponents and their biographers have been—with little fear of contradiction—enabled to deal as they pleased with the dead Judge's memory. Dr. Drewitt, the author of the present biography, married a descendant of that daughter and had access to the many documents which he quotes in his work. After this lapse of time it matters very little whether he be shown to have been the greatest Judge of his time or one wholly incapable of performing the duties he undertook. Dr. Drewitt's estimate of him has not been idly formed, but the man and the judge has received his reward "where neither worth nor rust doth corrupt" and where there are no thieves to break through and steal or to be tried. The biography was not necessary either to him or to history.

Nevertheless the volume is full of interesting reading and contains some amusing passages from the diary of Lady West as well as instructive ones by the judge relating to the state of affairs which prevailed in his time. On her arrival Lady West wrote pretty much what every visitor writes of first impressions of Calicut. "The harbour is very picturesque and beautiful, Banks of hills covered with cocoanuts and Bread Fruit following down to the sea, with a few natural rocks which form the harbour; the ride from the Quay to Mr. Stark's was beautiful like fairyland, the sea on one side, woods of cocoanuts on the other, with the huts of the natives among them. Mr. Stark has an excellent house, large, lofty and airy rooms, nicely but little furnished. I enjoyed my ride extremely in the palanquins; I only felt for the heat and fatigue the bearers must have experienced," and she adds. Upon the whole I was so much pleased with this first view of India that I should have liked to pass another day there and I am more than convinced that I shall like Bombay if what they say of the climate is correct." Under date February 2, 1823, we find Lady West disappointed, on landing in Bombay, to learn "that Lady Colville, Mrs. Barnes, Lady Buller—all nice women—are gone home—are gone home through ill-health. I fear that my society will be very small." At Government House, Parel, she found the Governor very pleasant, but the dancing very languid. People called and she found returning visits "a great bore, as all the people I have yet seen are unpleasing and vulgar and wishing to be fine ladies; I foretell that I shall not be intimate with any and we shall live happily to ourselves." Only a few days later "we dined at Parel, a party of 130; the Governor gave the dinner to us and handed me to table. I passed a very tolerably pleasant day, but amongst strangers and those not very elegant, it cannot be very agreeable; there was a ball in the evening." And with horror she confesses, it "we did not get home till 12 o'clock." Lady West found the men more pleasant and polite than the ladies, but the Archdeacon on Whitsunday preached "a sad, long prosy sermon; it put me to sleep for the most part of it. I really felt quite ashamed." She records with pride her husband's work in the Court, which quickly assumed an improved aspect after he had taken over his duties, and adds: "I am told that the natives say that God has sent an Angel to protect them."

From the day of his arrival till his death five years later—almost simultaneously with that of Lady West and Sir Charles Chambers, Sir Edward laboured incessantly for a purer administration of justice, for more equal laws. As a King's Judge he had to contend, single-handed for a time, with the irregularities of the Recorder's Court and enforce, without favour, the English justice he had been sent to administer—and that in a community which had ostracised Sir James Mackintosh for such an attempt. Though opposed by two able and popular Governors of the old school in succession, writes Dr. Drewitt, he accomplished much of his task before his death. His unselfishness and courage were acknowledged at last by a hostile press, and after his death the natives of Bombay founded a scholarship in his honour. But he was never forgiven by those whom he was obliged to oppose. His keen sense of even-handed justice exposed him to slight and insult. Attempts were made to drag him into duels. Sir Edward's struggles with the Bar and the Press are duly recorded. Dr. Drewitt proves to demonstration the inaccuracies of Mr. Douglas in "Glimpses of Old Bombay," but none of Mr. Douglas's works were ever regarded as anything more than the tales of a dabbler in history, and of no more value as chronicles of past events than the songs of the minstrels in bye-gone ages. His estimate of Sir Edward West is of no account. A leading article in the *Bombay Gazette* of August 29th, 1828, a week after the Judge's death, records the appreciation in which he was held:—"The materials for forming a just estimate of his character, as it has been exhibited in the execution of his high and important office in this Presidency, are in the hands of every one who has paid any attention to what has been passing before his eyes. Upon our arrival in Bombay we found our attention forcibly drawn to the consideration of it by those discussions which filled the *Gazette* under our predecessor (Fair, who was deported), and we were in a more interesting manner induced to contemplate his character by being frequently in Court during criminal and civil trials; upon such occasions the force and strength of his mind attracted our attention. His energy, zeal, decision, firmness—the hardier qualities which in a climate so debilitating are rarely to be met with—appeared to predominate; and they are qualities which in whatever country their possessor may be called upon to act, will not be long before they produce a strong sensation on the public mind . . . . However strenuously those who were affected by his acts might insist upon technical irregularities or complain of harsh treament, the public good was the only motive in the mind of the Judge, and that he was prepared at any hazard, at the risk of his ease, his domestic comfort, his social happiness, to drag those whom he considered offenders to the open face of day and to secure to the public the inestimable advantage of cheap justice. Higher praise than this we can give no man, and when the memory of the dissensions which were the consequence of his boldness and intrepidity shall have vanished, his character will rest on its true basis—the public esteem and veneration."

**A PROFESSOR.** IN the course of modern philology there is a tendency to fix definite and limited meanings to words, and if variants are required, they are provided in the form of new words. But running parallel with the philological current, and mixing somewhat with it, is another current of opposite tendencies which extends and multiplies the meaning of words until their original purpose is lost—this current is known as slang, and its volume increases daily. Who would recognise *record* in its modern dress. It is the same with the words Professor and Profession. There are four professions established by law and recognised as such by common consent, *viz.*, the military, legal, clerical and medical, and no one may assume their titles without a special brevet. But the exercise of any of these professions does not make a professor. A teacher of the use of arms in the army is a master. Education is a profession according to the dictionaries, but there are only two persons in Bombay engaged in educational work who advertise themselves as professors. Meanwhile the term is making vigorous headway down the "parallel" current, for bank managers and clerks have applied the term profession to money lending, engineers have seized upon it, some of them being so nicely discriminate as to apply it to the constructors of roads, canals and bridges, while denying it to the authors of machines and processes. This schism broke out of all places in America, when Mr. Carnegie wished to house all the engineering societies under one roof. A man who teaches boxing or gymnastics becomes at once a professor and there are many professors in the hair cutting line. There was recently a "professional tailor" near the Apollo Hotel, and, recently, in one of our courts of justice a witness spoke of a sweeper as being "professionally" occupied. Profession is now as much a slang word as "style" and has as little social value as the title of Esquire, which the good folk of Bombay love to bestow on each other without the least knowledge of its meaning. But official society is put as bad, for a very ignorant engineer fitter became an Esquire in official print on taking up the duties of a factory inspector. There are many people who, without appropriating the title of professor, regard their calling as a profession. Architects, a development of the mason, and engineers, the descendants of the smith, decorative painters, draftsmen, musicians, actors, writers, cooks, mountebanks, thieves, and all speak of their "profession" without thinking that the dignity of their occupation gains nothing by the term, and that, on the contrary, its incongruity may provoke derision. The love of titles at times brings about strange anomalies. A talented Bombay photographer styles himself the champion of his craft without, apparently, reflecting that this title is used freely by gymnasts and boxers, and never by exponents of the fine arts. In India, where the love of titles is a veritable passion (a young man would rather be failed Matriculate than nothing at all), the title of Professor, which any one may tack on to his name without opposition, can only have one fate. It will be scrupulously avoided by all those persons for whom it was at first destined. An amusing story come from Jamaica, where a coloured gentleman after a prosperous business career felt a longing for title of some sort to complete his earthly bliss. He had built himself a good house; he wore broadcloth and a snowy shirt, not to speak of jewelry. At last the inspiration came. He had cards printed with S. S. B. K. after his name, and it was not long before a friend enquired the meaning of the initials. Don't you know? said the merchant with well-figured surprise. It means Stone Steps and Brass Knocker. Mr. D. Fraser, in a recent description of the splendours of a reception at Stamboul, said that the most distinguished looking men were those who wore no decorations. There were so few of them.

**A LONG-LIVED BOMBAY OFFICER.** NEWS has been received by the mail of an interesting death on December 6 of an old Bombay Officer at the age of 102. The name of the hoary ancient was Alexander Tweedale, who was a Captain in the first Bombay Lancers when he retired so far back as February 1849. He was born at the beginning of 1806 a very eventful year both in Europe and India, the year of the funeral of Nelson, of the deaths of both Pitt and Fox, of the battles of Austerlitz and Jena and the prostration of Austria and Prussia at the feet of Napoleon. In India it was also a period of deep depression caused by the death of the Governor-General Lord Cornwallis three months previous and the policy of reaction to the glorious career under Marquess Wellesley. It was also the year of the Mutiny of Vellore. Tweedale joined the Bombay Army in 1826 and remained in it for twenty three years. During his time happened the first Afghan War during the earlier part of which the Bombay Army reaped so much glory under our Commander-in-Chief Sir John Keane, who got a peerage for it. But after Lord Keane's departure, things went terribly wrong with us in Afghanistan, and the Bombay troops were the worst sufferers. Our envoy there who had been appointed Governor of Bombay was assassinated as he was preparing to leave Cabul for his high post in our city. Sir Alexander Burnes, a distinguished Bombay Officer, was also killed; and from the disastrous retreat of our troops under the ill-starred and infirm General Elphinstone, a nephew of Mountstuart, our famous Governor, only one man Dr. Brydon, a Bombay Surgeon, escaped alive to tell of the horrid sufferings of our men during this march. Tweedale was not among them, so he lived to take part in the operations against the Amirs of Sind under Sir Charles Napier in 1843. In the next great war which followed, that against the Sikhs of the Punjab, the Bombay troops did not take much part, and Tweedale retired and a little before Gough routed the Sikhs at Gujerat. It illustrates the extreme tardiness with which promotion came to officers in those days, before the Mutiny, that Tweedale retired after 23 years' service only as a captain. Nowadays in less than this period an officer is entitled to his Lieutenant-Colonelcy. A little short of sixty years Capt. Tweedale has passed in retirement, one more instance of the fact that pensioners and annuitants live long, very long. He was not the only Centenarian Officer of the Bombay Army that lived for many years in retirement. For only a little while ago there died another officer whose case is more remarkable still. Captain Dumaresq was born at the beginning of the nineteenth century and entered the Bombay Army in 1818 when the last Peishwa, Baji Rao II, had just ceased to reign at Poona. Baji Rao (1774-1851) is himself an instance of the longevity of pensioners, for he lived for nearly thirty-four years to enjoy his extremely handsome pension of eight lakhs of rupees a year, which the too generous and magnanimous Malcolm, to whom he surrendered, had promised him, much to the annoyance of the Government of India who had of course to satisfy their General's somewhat reckless promise to a worthless prince. Dumaresq had a short career in the Bombay Army and retired in April 1827 a little after Tweedale joined it. He did this through ill-health, and yet lived for nearly 80 years after that, dying about eighteen months ago! He emigrated later to Tasmania and settled there till the end of his days. Tweedale died in his native Scot country.

THE Swedish armoured cruiser "Fylgia," under command of Captain Ekelund, is due to arrive in Bombay on Monday next and will remain about a fortnight.

IN Truro there are two thoroughfares near each other designated Carvoza-road, and at No. 3 in each place the person in residence is named Avery.

"I CALL FOR A BASS," said a solicitor at the Bow County Court. The judge looked up in astonishment, but he was relieved when a bright little girl of that name entered the witness-box and told the thrilling story of a collision between a baker's barrow and a private omnibus.

UNDER examination at Chelmsford Bankruptcy Court, a Southend butcher said: "Last season was a bad one; there were plenty of visitors, but nearly all 'nose-baggers'—people who come for the day and bring their own provisions."

WITH the flag flying at half-mast the Glasgow ship "Fifeshire," from Iquique, entered Queenstown Harbour, the captain's wife, Mrs. Cadell, having died at sea of fever. Captain Cadell was met with the news that a fortune of £20,000 had just been left to her.

# NOTES ON INDIAN INTERESTS.

## THOUGHTS BY A NATIVE THINKER.

**THE FIASCO.** THE turbulence and disorders which brought this year's Congress to an ignominious end remind one of the old saw,—"Those whom the gods want to ruin, they first make mad." The Extremists are doing incalculable harm to the country by their insane methods of agitation, and a great deal more by the bigotry and intolerance with which they want to force their propaganda on the Congress. Union and co-operation would be most desirable in the interests of the country. But if such a consummation were not possible, the Extremists might have taken the advice of the President, Dr. Ghose, and either held themselves aloof, or convened a rival Congress of their own. But it would not have squared with their wishes or intentions to follow such advice. They wanted to create mischief and break up the Congress. The ultimate design is to capture the Congress, to demonstrate that they have a large majority at their back for its direction, and to present it to the world as the exponent and the representative of the real voice of India. A sectional Congress of their own cannot command the weight and influence which one general Congress, holding the field by itself, is likely to have. Therefore it is that they would clad the old institution in new garments, in which the revolutionary red should predominate. For the ignominious dispersal of the delegates, Citizen Tilak is primarily responsible. He it was who "rode the whirl-wind and directed the storm." He was the Lord of Misrule who turned the Congress into a chaos, thus giving a foretaste of the anarchy and terrible scenes which must ensue, if the English were to retire from the country, leaving the people to stew in their own juice. It had hitherto been a standing criticism against the Congress that its Delegates were only crying in chorus, only shouting to order. It was argued that there was no real thinking done by the rank and file, that its proceedings were pre-ordained by a handful of leaders, and that what they had decreed was cordially and unanimously accepted. The dull monotony of a mechanical union is not, however, replaced by a healthy difference of opinion, a thoughtful dissent on the part of honest patriots from their brother patriots, all animated by the same aspirations and the same principle of action. Instead of a peaceful discussion of political problems, we have witnessed the humiliating spectacle of turbulence and strife as the result of intrigues and machinations, of personal pique, and spite, and jealousy. The thoughtless, like Carlyle's fools, are everywhere in a large majority, and the Extremists may boast with good reason that, although their opponents may command a majority at present in the Congress, it will surely dwindle before long, until the Extremists will be in a position to overwhelm them. The spirit of rancour and hatred against the British Rule which they have been actively and openly disseminating, must not be dismissed as mere froth of which no serious account need be taken. It is fraught with a dangerous tendency. Its branches may spread wide, and its roots may sink deep, and in view of such an eventuality, it may be necessary to devise effective measures to prevent its contaminating the masses.

**THE UNREAD SPEECH.** The Congress President was unable to read his speech. But it has been published in the papers, and it has an interest of its own as an indication of the line of action which the Moderates propose to take in this crisis of their fate. Dr. Ghose, as was to be expected, delivered the orthodox sentiments of the average Congressman on the Ordinance, the Deportations, the Partition of Bengal, the prosecution of seditious editors and the punishment of riotous students. He travelled as far as he could in company with the Extremists in his condemnation of press prosecutions and in his sympathy with "the young barbarians" whose violation of law and peace was not condoned by a cruel Government. He quoted with admiring approval the words which the mother of the Editor of the notorious sheet, *Yugantar*, is reported to have uttered, when he was sent to jail, "Bhupen's useful career has just begun!" This modern Spartan lady has a notion of public usefulness as outrageous as that of Tilak himself! Indeed the new spirit, as the President was glad to inform his audience, has penetrated into the seclusion of the Zenana. Although he applauds the spirit, he condemns the methods of the Extremists who are responsible for it. He seemed, nevertheless, to be anxious not to hurt their feelings, and was, therefore, at great pains to make them out as nothing worse than harmless lunatics. He refused to believe that there was any desire on their part to gain their end by physical force. One may smile at this simple belief, in face of the fact that physical force, as a direct outcome of the tactics of the Extremists, was a little too much in evidence at the ill-fated Congress!

**PLEA FOR A CHANGE OF PROGRAMME.** In his treatment of the existing situation, Dr. Ghose was evidently oppressed by an uneasy feeling that he had a host of intemperate agitators to reckon with; and to this circumstance I attribute his elaborate apology on behalf of those who provoke disorder and disaffection, and his mild sympathy with them. He was, however, explicit enough in his utter disapproval of the plan of campaign favoured by Mr. Tilak and his partisans, and he made an earnest appeal to Government not to confound his party with "the pestilent demagogues who would drive the hated foreigner into the sea." Let us see whether the Moderates are distinguished in any essential respects from their antagonists. "The ideal at which we are striving," said Dr. Ghose, "is autonomy within the Empire, not absolute independence." And again, "I take it that no Englishman will deny that the supremacy of the English is not to last for ever, and that their real object is to teach India to rule herself." So he will not drive the hated foreigner into the sea, forthwith, but will lead him gently, and, if possible, with his own consent, out of the country, in the fulness of time. The difference between the two parties resolves itself into a difference of methods, and also a disagreement in respect of the period within which the goal, which is virtually the same in both cases, is to be reached. Granted autonomy and self-government, what will be the place of the English in India? Will they be maintained, on sufferance, simply for the purpose of keeping the peace between rival factions, and for guarding the country against foreign invasion? The Constitutionalists admit that the goal is very distant, and the road to it is very long and weary. But having that ideal in view, they must define exactly the position in which they expect the British connection to continue in India. There seems to be a reluctance to look at this aspect of the question fairly and squarely in the face. But in the light of recent events, the Constitutionalists may consider it advisable to revise their programme. Their leaders are hurled from their lofty pedestal by forces, which having their origin in their own teachings in the first instance, have got beyond their control, and which in their wild and unrestrained license seek to overwhelm the party of Moderates. The Frankestein that has been raised might some day overthrow Tilak himself. At a gathering of his partisans in Surat, he just talked about the propriety of their fighting with constitutional weapons at the Congress, and some of his followers grew restive and cried "Shame" upon the advice. When the forces of unreason are called into being, they have a way of reaching, perchance, on their very authors. With the change of circumstances, the Constitutionalists have anxiously to consider whether the necessity has not arisen to reconstruct their policy, and to modify their aims and ideals.

**THE RIVAL FACTIONS.** The rival factions have each held an informal Convention at Surat. Tilak has triumphed, but it is a triumph of which every honest and patriotic Indian is ashamed. The local feeling against him is intense. "He has thrust a dagger into the heart of his Motherland" is the common expression against him. Mr. Tilak, the astute man that he is, tries to carry the mob with him, by stigmatizing his opponents as Anti-Nationalists. His assertion that the Constitutionalists wanted to recede from the position which the Congress had taken last year, and that their object was, not to serve their country, but to pander to the Government, is a gratuitous assumption. The key-note of his address may be summed up in these words of his: "The time has come when a spirit of greater resistance to the authorities must be shown." He wa self-government, pure and simple, and not Colon self-government which, by the way, was demand by the last Congress. In this respect, it is not opponents, but it is he himself who is not true the Congress of 1906, whose resolution he prete to regard as sacred and inviolable. The demago is bent upon setting the prairie on fire, if he can.

**MAHOMEDAN EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE.** In the noise and strife a bustle of the Congress, peaceful proceedings of the Al India Moslem Educationa Conference at Karachi mu not be overlooked. It was blessed with a sympa thetic message from the Governor, and was grac with the presence of the Hon. Mr. Younghusban Commissioner of Sind, and other officials. Th geographical position of the seat of the Conferenc this year naturally drew prominent attention to th condition of the Mahomedans of Sind, who, it painful to find, hold a very backward position eve among their own community in India. Althoug out of a total population of 32 lakhs in Sind, th Musalmans number 24 lakhs, the number of educa ted Musalmans is about a tenth of that of th Hindoos. The Hon. Mr. Giles revealed a mor appalling state of things when he said at the mee ing that, while the primary schools in Sind ar attended by 520,000 pupils the number dwindle down to hardly a thousand in the seco schools. As far back as the year when a Government Committee adv the continuance of Oriental learning side side with English schools, the Hindus pe tioned in favour of English schools alone, on th ground that they could make their own provisio for Oriental education; whereas, the Mahomedan insisted that they must have their Arabic and Per sian seminaries rather than English institutions which they fancied, were mere vehicles for the conversion of the people to Christianity. The Mahomedans have learnt better since those days, and are trying hard to make amends for the past. The Hon. Mr. Younghusband made a very sympathetic speech. But he told his audience, and Mr. Gil who followed him made the same observation, th they must ask for a fair field, and no exceptio favours. "It was extraordinary," said Mr. Yo husband, "what a number of persons seeme think that the mere fact of their being Mahome gave them a divine right to claim a preference their superiors." It would scarcely be fair o nified on their part to plead for exce favours, over and above the practical sy and support which the authori ready to give to them. I do not think t ence made more than a fair and legitim in its resolution requesting Government t special scholarships for Mahomedans. It resolved that Government be asked to levy tional cess of three pies in the rupee as an cational cess from the Musalman Zemindars of Si for the exclusive advancement of Mahomedan education. The suggestion is commendable in itself; but I am not quite sure whether it will be feasible, or proper, on public grounds, for the Government to levy such a tax from a particular section of the population for its own benefit. I doubt still more the feasibility of introducing compulsory education among the Zemindars of Sind as was suggested by an enthusiastic speaker. I rather agree with Mr. Giles that the time for compulsory education in India is still far off.

DION.

# ALL SORTS OF SPORT.

## By An Average Man.

I shall not pretend in this column to an encyclopædic knowledge of sport or games. Especially, I shall claim no prowess of a so-called "expert." I shall probably make mistakes, and certainly fall into what many experienced persons will certify to be profound errors—which they are at perfect liberty to correct. But I do claim a catholic and keen devotion to the life and diversions of the free air, and in writing of them I shall use an enthusiasm the more heartfelt in that it is kept alive not by any orgie of sport or of holiday that might bring repletion, but by a lamentable overdose of town-pent life and toil in mean streets. Thus I stand for the average man of sound instincts and wind and limb. And this is, after all, a proud if onerous representation.

How many people who read weekly journals addicted to sport and the open-air life find themselves poring time after time with unabated interest over the pages devoted to illustrated or other advertisements? We must be a numerous band who do this. To begin with, there is the unaccountable attraction of all advertisement pages to which one turns before he has made up his mind what else to read. That may be because advertisements are easily skimmed and because they offer a variety of matter in which the eye is sure to light on something after its own heart. It is also, surely due to the power which advertisements—especially of the kind I am thinking of—have of exciting all the pleasurable painful emotions of envy, hatred, malice, longing, memory, hope, and determination? Thus one reads many particulars of shootings and fishings to be let—envy, hatred, and longing. One reads of patent contrivances for making sport easier or more successful—determination. One glances, on a cold midwinter day of Londoner's working week at graceful pictures of handsome sportsmen arrayed in Mr. X's, renowned fly fishing suit—memory, hope, and determination. And so forth and so on. A picture of a butcher boot or a pair of riding breeches enables one to remember how glorious a gallop is how exciting an occasional ride to hounds, and to forget how difficult a horse may be to sit or how dangerous it is for the moderate horseman to try to cross a country. Advertisements of the freer life's amenities have a rare allurement for the prisoner of circumstance. They remind us of success and pleasure without conveying the hint of failure and disappointment. And they do it at a glance.

Advertisements remind me of another point. That is the rapidity with which fashions change in sport. To take two cases, shooting powders and golf balls display in this respect all the bewildering characteristics of a lady's hat or the proper place—if any—for a lady's pocket. Thus when some of us began to shoot seriously—in the earlier days of smokeless powders—there was practically only one powder that anybody used. It was what is called a household word. Now, without any disrespect to any one of them, who shall wisely pick and choose between the merits of smokeless powders? Now the average man goes to his gunmaker and trusts him to load his cartridges with whatever powder may be at the time giving the best results. And golf balls? When it fi came in who dreamed of going beyond the Hask unless he insisted foolishly or penuriously on the gutty? Whereas now every bird of the air and beast of the fie and colour in the spectrum has given a name to a ne kind of rubbercored ball, and they are most of th equally sublime if erratic in merit, while the core tends to become liquefied or jellified to impart a fre variety to the battle of the balls. Now every golf swears by a different ball, and many men only swear b one for a fortnight at a time. The stern economic rea sons for these developments may be easily discovered. Meanwhile the facts bear thinking over.

A writer in the "Field" told recently a terrible story of adventures with a bullock gone savage while fishing (not the bullock) in a north-country beck. Luckily, he escaped from the inconsiderate brute that made for him whilst he was inspecting his own grouse butts. There happened to be a small plantation in the dead waste and middle of the moor. Of course bulls and the fisherman have been associated even before Mr. "Punch," pictured for us the old gentleman who expected a "splendid rise"—and got it. But this story brings out two points worth noting. One is that a stream is no protection against a bull. Many fishermen have a delusion about this. I have not; for I have seen my betes noires of Wales cross a stream often enough, and have indeed taken refuge, over my waders, on a precarious boulder in mid-stream, whence, after all, one could stab usefully at the opponent's face with the spike which ought to be fixed at the end of one's rod. Indeed, this is a new use for the spike, of which "the books" should make graver mention. To return, this fisherman's bull, spying him from afar, dropped into the stream to reach him, and even forced a laborious passage underneath an obstacle placed across the beck to keep the cattle back. That is one useful hint to remember. Another is that this fisherman baffled the bullock by standing stock still. Thus the animal seemed to take him—the wind was the other way—for an inanimate object, and, after a long stare, making up its mind that the prey had escaped, put down its head to graze. The man seized his chance, and when the beast looked up and charged he had found sanctuary.

MR. ELLSWORTH VAN NATTA has entered himself as a freshman at the Missouri State University, where his son Earl, aged twenty, is a second-year man. The elder Van Natta is forty years old. He was a student in the State University twenty-three years ago. Then he returned to his home in Audrian County, and Cupid stepped in and ended school-days for nearly two decades. A few years ago his wife died, and last summer, while visiting his son at the university, he met a "sweet girl graduate" and married her. She was still at her studies, and he decided to finish the course interrupted twenty-three years ago.

# CANADA AND JAPAN.

## THE LEMIEUX MISSION.

### Successful Negotiations.

### DETAILS STILL SECRET.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, DECEMBER 31.

Reuter learns that the utmost good feeling has been displayed throughout the Canadian and Japanese negotiations anent emigration.

No dissensions occurred.

The Foreign and Colonial Office remained more or less in the background, leaving the discussion of the matter to Japan and Canada.

The details will not be known until Mr. Lemieux, the Canadian Minister of Labour, returns, when the complete views of the Dominion Government on the proposed arrangement will be communicated to London.

# ASIATICS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

### Difficulties of Deportation.

### NATAL AND THE TRANSVAAL NEGOTIATE.

LONDON, DECEMBER 31.

Negotiations are proceeding between Natal and the Transvaal, with the object of securing the safe transit of deported Indians through Natal to the coast.

Reuter's correspondent at Johannesburg telegraphs that the Indians and Chinamen are still unarrested.

Mr. Gandhi is of opinion that Mr. Smuts is considering the point raised by the Indians' Counsel.

LONDON, JANUARY 1.

A telegram from Pretoria states that the non-arrest of Indians does not imply that the Government has departed from its policy. The Government desires to avoid undue haste.

# GAS EXPLOSION IN ROME.

### Bourse Roof Collapses.

### MANY INJURED.

LONDON, DECEMBER 31.

A gas explosion occurred to-day in the Bourse in Rome.

The explosion shattered the windows and brought down the roof.

A dozen stockbrokers were more or less seriously injured.

Troops and firemen hastened to the scene and conveyed the injured to the hospitals.

# THE POST TO THE FAR EAST.

### Delay on the Siberian Route.

LONDON, DECEMBER 31.

The British Post Office has been investigating delay to letters from Peking *via* Siberia.

There is every prospect of a satisfactory arrangement being shortly arrived at.

# THE VIBORG MANIFESTO.

### Light Sentences.

LONDON, JANUARY 1.

A despatch from St. Petersburg states that 167 members of the First Duma have been sentenced to three months' imprisonment and loss of electoral rights for issuing the famous Viborg Manifesto protesting against the dissolution and inciting the people to refuse to pay taxes and not to furnish recruits.

The lightness of the sentences is regarded as a victory for the popular cause.

# THE HARDEN CASE.

### Drawing to a Close.

LONDON, JANUARY 1.

The Harden Case at Berlin is drawing to a close. The prosecution contended that Harden had not produced a shred of evidence against von Moltke and Prince Eulenberg; and demanded a sentence of four months' imprisonment and the payment of the costs of both trials.

# REVENUE RETURNS.

### Heavy Decrease.

LONDON, JANUARY 1.

The Revenue for nine months shows a decrease of £271,692 and for the past quarter a decrease of £1,158,182.

LATER.

All items in last quarter's revenue have decreased except the Post Office. The largest decrease is in estate duty and amounts to £587,000.

# THE PHILIPPINES.

### Shipment of Munitions from America.

LONDON, JANUARY 1.

The "Morning Post" Washington correspondent telegraphs that heavy shipments of ammunition, torpedoes and mines are being despatched to the Philippines. By the time the American fleet arrives there will be a five years' supply!

# THE "TIMES" AND FINANCE.

### Position of London.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, JANUARY 1.

The "Times" publishes an Article by its City Correspondent in which he remarks that the year ends in relief and hopefulness after a period of severe strain and apprehension. It is gratifying to know, continues the Article, that the prompt measures of precaution taken by the Bank of England to meet the American International crisis have showed unmistakably that London's old position of strength and predominance has been fully re-established.

# LORD CURZON.

### Chances of Success.

LONDON, JANUARY 1.

The "Daily Chronicle" understands that in reply to Lord Curzon, Sir H. Campbell Bannerman took the view that Lord Curzon should have sought honour from his own party.

The "Chronicle" also learns that other candidates for the Kilmaines seat are ready to withdraw.

# COUNT OKUMA'S SPEECH.

### Press Responsibility.

LONDON, JANUARY 1,

The "Times" considers that a grave responsibility rests with the Japanese newspapers which spread an erroneous version of Count Okuma's speech at Kobe.

# "TIMES" CORRESPONDENT ATTACKED BY KURDS.

LONDON, JANUARY 1.

Mr. Fraser, the "Times" Correspondent, who was proceeding to Bagdad unescorted, has been attacked, robbed and wounded by Kurds near Urfa. Troops are pursuing his assailants on energetic representations being made by Sir Nicholas O'Conor

# MR. KEIR HARDIE.

### Injuries only Slight.

LONDON, DECEMBER 31.

Mr. Keir Hardie's injuries are slight.

# AUSTRALIAN CRICKET.

LONDON, JANUARY 1.

A telegram from Melbourne states that in the Test Match Australia has made 255 runs for seven wickets.

# ALLAHABAD HIGH COURT.

### Mr. K. Hussain Appointed Judge.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 1.

His Majesty the King-Emperor has approved the appointment of Mr. Karamat Hussain, Barrister-at-Law of the Middle Temple, to be a Puisne Judge of the Allahabad High Court.

# E. B. S. RAILWAY STRIKERS.

### Repentant and Asking Re-employment.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 31.

The dismissed strikers upon the Eastern Bengal State Railway are beginning to apply for employment and will be referred to the local Heads of Departments, they being no longer in the employ of the Line.

# ANOTHER FRONTIER RAID.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, January 1.

A dozen raiders, believed to be Mahsuds, last Sunday night, rashed the village of Dial within six miles Dera of Ismail Khan and murdered a wealthy resident of the place and got off with loot valued at about Rs. 30,000.

# TATA RESEARCH INSTITUTE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

BANGALORE, JANUARY 1,

Dr. Travers, Director, Tata Research Scientific Institute, has arrived here and will be followed in a few days by Professor Rudolph, Lecturer on Chemical Technology and another Professor of Electrical Technology. These will start work almost immediately either in the laboratory of the agricultural and chemical Central College or Sheshadiri Memorial Hall. Mr. Stephens, Architect, is expected in a week when the work of erecting the institute will be started immediately.

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IN more ways than his quiet voice and unhurried, considering air, Mr. W. R. Hearst is somewhat of a surprise, Mr. Sydney Brooks writes in the "Fortnightly Review." He neither smokes nor drinks; he never speculates; he sold the racehorses he inherited from his father, and is never seen on a race track; yachting, dancing, cards, the Newport life, have not the smallest attraction for him; for a multimillionaire he has scarcely any friends among the rich, and to "Society" he is wholly indifferent; he lives in an unpretentious house in an unfashionable quarter, and outside his family, his politics, and his papers, appears to have no interests whatever.

# NEW YEAR'S HONOURS.

## NAVAL PROMOTIONS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, JANUARY 1.

Lord Kitchener has been appointed Knight Grand Commander of the Indian Empire.

The only other New Year's honours apart from the Indian are Surgeon Malcolm Morris, who becomes Commander of the Victorian Order, and Sir Murray Scott, who becomes Knight Commander of the Bath.

The following New Year promotions have been made at the Admiralty:—

COMMANDERS TO BE CAPTAINS.

C. E. Monro, R. W. Bentinck, Guy L. Sclater. Hon. A. D. E. H. Boyle, M.V.O., G. P. E. Hunt D.S.O., E. P. F. G. Grant, E. V. Underhill, Hon H. E. H. A'Court H. L. Mawbey, H. J. Savill, F. L Field, Hon. H. G. Brand, M. V. O., H. Blackett, H. W. Grant, C. M. de Bartolome, S. S. Hall.

LIEUTENANTS TO BE COMMANDERS.

C. F. L. Watson, E. A. Thomas, J. A. Webster, L. L. Dundas, W. E. Woodward, A. B. Hughes, W. Nunn, J. H. Loftie, H. C. R. Boucher, G. J. Todd, A. Cochrane, C. W. Trousdale, R. S. Gwatkin-Williams, R. L. Crichton, S. D. Forbes, C. Asser, D. T. Norris, J. A. Ingles, P. T. H. Beamish, A. E. Wood, T. E. Wardle, D. M. Hamilton, E. A. Taylor, A. P. Addison, F. C. Dreyer.

## Bombay Recipients.

IN the bestowal of titles and honours by the Government of India in connection with the New Year, Bombay has been left out severely in the cold as in many previous years. The only instance in which a title worth having has been conferred on a Bombay official, is that of the Hon. Mr. F. G. Selby, acting Director of Public Instruction and Vice Chancellor of the University of Bombay. Minor titles which few persons care for have been conferred on some native officials—such as Mr. Bomonji Edalji Modi, lately District Deputy Collector, Kaira, who is made Khan Bahadur; Mr. Daulatram Kasiram Pandit, Administrator, Miraj Junior State, who has been made a Rao Bahadur; and Mr. Visram Narayen Rege, Assistant Surgeon, Sadra, who has been made a Rao Saheb.

THE HON. MR. F. G. SELBY.

Any title that is in the gift of the Government of India would not be considered in excess of the merits of the Hon. Mr. F. G. Selby, the learned Vice-Chancellor of the Bombay University, who has been made a Companion of the Indian Empire. The services rendered by him to higher education in this Presidency have been universally acknowledged. He has shown himself to be a thoroughly selfless man, although he is admitted to be one of the most eminent, distinguished, and brilliant officers that have ever adorned the Educational service of this or any other Indian Presidency; and the feelings of esteem, regard, and admiration he has inspired in all who have come in contact with him, whether in his public or private life, are deep and wide-spread. His has been a life-long labour of love in developing the Deccan College, which he has converted into a model College, at the same time earning the affection and gratitude of his pupils. Mr. Selby has always been regarded as a ripe and accomplished scholar, and a great and sympathetic teacher and educationist. In the Convocation address he delivered last year as Vice-Chancellor of the Bombay University, he unconsciously pourtrayed himself in his definition of what a successful teacher should be; and his words on that important occasion will bear repetition:—"The first requisite is that a teacher should thoroughly know his subject, and it is equally important that he should be interested in it, and interested in interesting his students in it. The work of a teacher requires knowledge, great patience, and an infinite sympathy and the art of putting one's self at the pupils' point of view. He must realize the pupils' difficulties and ask himself how they are to be overcome. Speaking to my own countrymen, if they want to succeed as teachers in this country, I would say that they must from the moment they land in India, make it their constant endeavour to mix and become friends with all the best representatives of the society from which are drawn the pupils they have to teach. They must have a knowledge of, and a sympathy with their pupils. It is, of course, the ambition of every teacher to become a power in the land. But no one can influence people whom he does not understand and for whom he does not care. The teacher, in fact, must "stoop to conquer."

Mr. Selby is an M. A. of Wadham College, Oxford, and although he has just completed his fifty-sixth year, he has energy in him for many more years of public usefulness. He joined the Service in February 1877 and was appointed Professor of Logic and Moral Philosophy in the Deccan College. Two years later, Mr. Selby was appointed to officiate as Principal of the Deccan College; and in June 1880, he was nominated acting Principal of the Rajkumar College in Kathiawar. Again in May 1882, he was appointed to the same high office, in which he acted with great success for a period of six years. Mr. Selby was confirmed in the office of Principal of the Deccan College in December 1890, and successfully conducted its duties till the end of August 1893, when he went on furlough. Returning to this country on the 1st January 1894, he reverted to the post of Principal of the Deccan College, and subsequently held charge, in addition to his own duties, of the office of Professor of English Literature. On the termination of another furlough to Europe, he resumed charge in the beginning of the year 1900 as Principal of the Deccan College and Professor of Logic and Moral Philosophy. Since the transfer of the Hon. Mr. Giles to Calcutta as Director General of Education in India, in June 1902, Mr. Selby has been acting as Director of Public Instruction in this Presidency with remarkable ability and success. In February 1907, he was appointed an Additional Member of the Bombay Legislative Council, in which office his unique experience has been utilised in furthering the cause of higher education in this Presidency. Last year, in succession to the Rev. Dr. Mackichan, Mr. Selby was chosen by Lord Lamington for the high office of Vice-Chancellor of the Bombay University—a choice that has been universally commended.

Towards the end of June 1907, a largely attended and representative meeting of all classes was held in Poona to concert measures for commemorating in a suitable manner the services rendered to higher education in this Presidency by Mr. Selby. There was a large gathering of European and native gentlemen as well as some hundreds of students; and the Hon. Sir Pherozeshah M. Mehta was called to the chair. Much stress was laid at the meeting on the unique manner in which Mr. Selby had earned for himself the affection and gratitude of his pupils, and the esteem and admiration of them all—pupils or no pupils. It was said that nobody could come in contact with him without realising that he is a true man and a thorough gentleman—the best type of a true English gentleman without affectation and ostentation—a man in whose direct, straightforwardness and unassuming integrity one could implicitly rely. The following motion was unanimously adopted by the meeting:—"That this meeting of the pupils, friends, and admirers of the Hon. Mr. F. G. Selby, M. A., desires to place on record its deep sense of appreciation of the eminent services of the hon'ble gentleman to the Deccan College and the cause of liberal education in this presidency, and to bear testimony to his profound learning, and the high moral example set by him to a wide circle of his pupils." It was further resolved that "This meeting desires to perpetuate the memory of Mr. Selby's connection with the Deccan College by a suitable memorial." A Committee was appointed to invite and collect subscriptions; and the result had been very encouraging and satisfactory. It is trusted that Mr. Selby has many years of a useful career before him.

# PROCLAMATION DAY.

### Parade in Bombay.

The usual New Year's Parade to commemorate the Proclamation of His Most Gracious Majesty King Edward VII as Emperor of India, took place yesterday morning on the General Parode ground, Esplanade, at 8-30 a.m., before a large number of spectators.

The troops which took part in the Parade were the Royal Garrison Artillery, the Royal Scots, and the 116th Native Infantry, in Dress Review Order, in summer clothing; Colonel C. H. Alexander, in Command of the Royal Garrison Artillery, Colonel W. H. E. Murray of the Royal Scots, and Major H. R. Mead commanded the 116th Native Infantry. The total strength on the parade was over eight hundred strong. The different regiments commenced to arrive shortly before the hour fixed for the parade and were drawn up facing east in the following order from right to left and at 12 paces' interval; Royal Garrison Artillery; 2nd Battalion, Royal Scots, and 116th Native Infantry with colours uncased. In the absence of Brigadier-General R. M. Greenfield, C.B., Commanding the Bombay Brigade, Colonel W. H. E. Murray, commanded the parade and was accompanied by Major W. J. Anderson, Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General, Bombay Brigade. The Parade commenced by hoisting the Royal Standard, when the troops fired a "feu-de-joie" and the Band of the Royal Scots which was in the rear of the centre of the line played the National Anthem in parts, succeeding each volley. The Commanding Officer then called for three cheers for His Most Gracious Majesty the King Emperor, to which the troops loudly and heartily responded. The regiments afterwards formed in quarter columns for the march past. The Band in the meanwhile advanced and formed up, facing the saluting base. The Commanding Officer and the Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General rode up in front, and the troops marched past the Royal Standard, the Band playing the march tunes. The Parade was then dismissed, and the troops proceeded to their quarters. The recruits of the 116th Native Infantry kept the ground clear under the orders of their Quarter-Master-Havaldar. A Royal Salute of 31 guns was fired from the Saluting Battery at 12 noon. The Salutes also were fired from H. M. S. "Hyacinth," and H. M. S. "Highflyer." The vessels in the harbour, as well as in the docks, were decorated with flags and bunting. The Royal Bombay Yacht Club flag staff and Consulates in the city were also decorated with flags flying from their masts. The 109th Infantry paraded on their own ground at Santa Cruz at the same hour, under the Command of the Commanding Officer and fired a "feu-de-joie."

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, JANUARY, 1.

One of the most interesting and remarkable parades ever held in Poona was witnessed by an unusually large crowd of spectators who lined the ropes ten deep on the general Parade Ground this morning. The troops in garrison at Poona and Kirkee paraded as strong as possible to fire a Royal Salute and a "fen de joie" in celebration of the anniversary of the assumption of title of Em-press of India by her late Majesty Queen Victoria. As late as 10 o'clock the troops under command of Brigadier General Swann, C. B. were drawn up in two lines facing east and at this hour Lieut.-General Richardson attended by Lieut. Jenkin, A. D. C and Lieut. Cassim Shah, A. D. C. rode up to the saluting base. The General on arrival was received by Brigadier-General Swann and Brigade Staff including General Trever, P. M. O., and Colonel Wilson, A. A. G. and the parade was at once taken in hand. The first line was formed by the 12th Battery, R. F. A., and the 1st Infantry Brigade comprising the Somerset Light Infantry, 80th Carnatic Infantry and 107th Pioneers under command of Colonel Aplin, D. S. O., 107th Pioneers, 2nd Infantry Brigade under command of Colonel Hume, the Connaught Rangers, 114th Maharattas and 121st Pioneers. In the second line were the 26th Light Cavalry, Mounted Infantry, 3rd Sappers and Miners and the 13th Brigade, R F. A., the massed bands of the two Infantry Brigades being in the rear. of the centre of the formation.

The 12th battery, opened the proceedings by booming the first round of the Rayal Salut and between intervals which followed the Infantry rattled out the "feu-de-joie" faultlessly. With the Royal Salute from the troops and three cheers for his Majesty the King-Emperor which were lustily raised by troops the proclamation parade ended with brilliancy. Then followed the march past, etc. in honour of General Richardson, Commanding the 6th Poona Division. It was the last occasion on which the General would have an opportunity of seeing the troops of the Poona Brigade on parade and it was an ccasion on which the troops appeared their smartest and best. The Infantry Brigades played by their respective massed bands originally marched past in double companies. Then in quarter column and for the third time in line of quarter column. The Somersets who made their first appearance on parade excited great admiration for their splendid march past which was done in unusually quick time. The Connaught Rangers too made a really excellent and brave show and the native troops looked exceedingly smart and serviceable. The 26th Cavalry in their picturesque tunics of blue and silver were first to march past. They were followed by the artillery, all the South African heroes and the Mounted Infantry the latter having for the first time been seen in winter dress on the parade. At the end of Infantry marches past the Cavalry charged past gloriously, not a single mishap having occurred among the flying squadrons. Lastly the troops formed up in line again and advanced in review order when General Richardson and staff went out to meet them.

At this stage Good Conduct Medals were presented by the General to four sterling soldiers of the King. They were Sergt-Major Wallace, 93rd Highlanders, Sergeant-Major of the Poona Volunteers, Quarter-Mastar Sergeant Brennen, Connaught Rangers, Conductor Morris, S. and T. Corps and Sergeant Berley, Royal Scots. In handing each man his well earned medal the General shook hands and congratulated them individually.

The proceedings terminated with a short valedictory speech by General Richardson. He said "Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and men of the Poona Brigade, I need not say how much I appreciate the honor you have done me this morning. I take this opportunity to thank all of you for the support you have given me while I have been in command of this Division. Your conduct and discipline from what I have seen for the past four years have been excellent. I have always had great pride in being in command of your division, and I now leave you with the greatest regret. Good-bye and Good Luck to you and many years of prosperity and happiness!"

General Swann next called for three cheers for General Richardson which the troops raised right Royally. Troops finally marched to quarters after providing the most brilliant martial spectacle it would be possible to expect anywhere in India.

SECUNDERABAD, JANUARY 1.

The annual Proclamation Parade was held on the General Parade Ground here this morning at eight, when all the Troops in Garrison, except the Artillery, who are still out in the practice camp, one battery only coming in to fire the salute, took part. The morning was very chilly and the sun bursting through low lying mist was heartily welcomed. The troops in review order were in winter clothing and presented a smart and picturesque appearance. Major-General Sir James Wolfe Murray, K. C. B commanded the troops. There was as usual a very large attendance and the Hon'ble Mr. C. S. Bayley, British Resident, and party were present in the enclosure. The troops were formed up in two lines facing the flagstaff and a Battery of Artillery was posted on the right flank The 1st Cavalry Brigade, consisting of the 13th Hussars, 29th Lancers, 33rd Q. O. Light Cavalry, was commanded by Brigadier-General Rimington, C. B. The Imperial Service Cavalry Brigade, comprising the 1st and 2nd Hyderabad I. S. L. was commanded by Lieut.-Colonel Afsur-ul-Mulk, Bahadur, C.I.E, M. V. O., A. D. C., The Sappers and Miners, No 10 Company under Major McClintock, D. S. O., formed up as a separate unit. The 1st Infantry Brigade commanded by Colonel R. O. Vizard comprised 2nd Royal Fusiliers, 1st Manchesters, 97th and 99th Deccan Infantry. The 2nd Infantry Brigade comprised 61st (P. W. O.) Pioneers, 76th Punjabis, 2nd Q. O. Rajput Light Infantry, 96th Berar Infantry and was commanded by Brigadier-General Mackenzie Kennedy.

General Sir James Wolfe Murray and Staff arrived punctually at eight and took up position opposite the flagstaff on which the Union Jack was hoisted. A salute of 31 guns was fired, as also the "feu de joie" the Massed Bands playing the National Anthem. The Royal Salute was next accorded and led by Sir Jamea Wolfe Murray the troops next gave three ringing cheers for the King-Emperor. The Division then marched past.

After the parade a very interesting ceremony was performed by the General viz., the presentation of new Colours to the 96th Berar Infantry which was formed up in three sides of a square. The old Colours were first carried slowly past and saluted and with their escort were afterwards slowly and solemnly carried away to the strains of Auld Lang Syne. Drums were then piled in the centre, the new colours resting therein and Reverend W. A. H. Parker, Chaplain of Secunderabad duly performed the consecration ceremony and then before presenting the Colours to Colonel Macdonald Sir James Wolfe Murray made an impressive speech. The battalion, he said, was raised 110 years ago in Hyderabad and formed part of H. H. the Nizam's regular infantry and was known as the 1st Battalion, Berar Infantry. After passing under various designations it became the 3rd Infantry, Hyderabad Contingent, in 1854 and four years ago was incorporated in the Indian Army receiving its present title. The Colours of the regiment were inscribed with the Honours of the Nawah siege of 1819, Central India in 1857-58, and Burma in 1885-87. But in addition this Battalion has been in many other minor affairs. They should, the General said, be proud of their record, but it was not by its past record alone, but by its bearing in the present and by its conduct in future that a regiment is judged The Colours would serve to remind all ranks they were a guerdon of fidelity to the traditions of the regiment to maintain untarnished the honour of which is the bounden duty of every man serving it.

Colonel Macdonald in receiving the Colours thanked General Sir James wolfe Murray for his kind remarks and for the honour that had been done the regiment in being presented with the Colours which they would always guard and cherish at the hands of the G. O. C. of the 9th Division.

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 1.

The Proclamation Parade took place here as usual to-day.

RAJPIPLA, NANDOD, JANUARY 1.

Under orders from His Highness the Maharana Shree Chhatrasinghi, Raja of Rajpipla, the usual Proclamation Day Parade was held here this morning.

A Salute of 31 guns was fired, accompanied by a *feu-de-joie* from the assembled troops. Three hearty cheers were given for His Most Gracious Majesty the King Emperor at the conclusion of the proceedings.

DWARKA, JANUARY 1.

Mr. Warden, Local Assistant Resident, held sports and show this afternoon in honour of the New Year Day on the spacious plain near Kharatala Tank, erecting thereon a shamiana nicely decorated with flags. All the State officials, servants and gentry in good number were present. Waghers and villagers from the whole Okha had rushed in to witness the scene. A military band was present and added much to the beauty. Flocks of people began pouring in and the plain was overcrowded before the appointed time. Exactly at 3 p.m. the Assistant Resident arrived and was warmly welcomed with loud cheers by the people who love him owing to his kind sympathy, winning manners and general goodness shown by him during his long stay in this taluka. The arrangement of sports was excellent and praiseworthy. The whole programme was successfully carried out which reflects credit on the able management of Mr. Warden who himself took much pains during the sports. A Horse and Bullock Show was held. Prizes were distributed to the winners. The gentlemen present were garlanded and with the distribution of pan-sopari the proceedings terminated.

COONOOR, JANUARY 1.

At the Ceremonial Parade which took place at Wellington this morning the 2nd Dorset Regiment under their officer, Lieut-Colonel Bonus, took part. The parade wound up with the march past, which the men went through to the strains of the band. Good weather prevailed and a huge gathering witnessed the function.

QUETTA, JANUARY, 1.

The first of January Proclamation Parade took place this morning on the Parade Ground. A large crowd gathered to witness the brilliant spectacle. All the troops in Garrison were present and were reviewed by General Clements, C. B., D. S. O., General Officer Commanding the District. Good Conduct and Long Service Medals were presented to five Non-commissioned Officers by the General. The weather was bright and sunny though ice was on the ground.

The Domino Ball at the Club last night was largely attended.

# SOUTH INDIA MOTOR TRIALS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, JANUARY 1.

Some interesting motor speed trials were held under the auspices of the South Indian Motor Union this morning, the Maharajah of Mysore being present. There were races for cars divided into various classes according to price, etc., over a measured mile. There was also a handicap race and one for motor bikes.

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ONE of the suffragists who surrounded Mr Hardane at Manchester made a mistake earlier in the day. She saw Bishop Welldon, the Dean of Manchester, who, in stature, is not unlike the War Secretary, took him to be Mr. Haldane, and followed him into a hotel, calling out, "Mr. Haldane! Mr. Haldane! May I speak to you?" Bishop Welldon intimated to her that the case was one of mistaken identity, and the woman retired.

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WHEN William Plumridge, baker and grocer, died at the village of Lane End, near Marlow, in 1904, it was found that his assets were sufficient only to pay 15s. 3d. in the pound. The creditors, who had to write off the deficit as a bad debt, have now had a most agreeable surprise. An anonymous friend of Plumridge, out of respect for his memory, has provided the sum of £167 required to pay the balance due to them.

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"Now the dancing season is again in full swing, I should like," "1800" writes to the "Express," "to raise the question of knee-breeches for men It was put forward last season, and argued upon, but nothing came of it. Cannot a sort of society be formed? I am sure that as soon as it was really taken seriously there would be few (who were decently legged, if I may use the expression) who would not catch on."

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MR. IAN C. HANNAH, speaking at Truro, said he had been trying to solve the question which town was the capital of Cornwall. Queen Victoria, in her diary, referred to Truro as the capital of the county. The Bishop of St. Germans said there were at least five claimants to the county township—Launceston, because they were taught so at school; Bodmin, because it was the assize town; Penzance, because it thought it ought to be; Falmouth, because it wished to be; and Truro, because it was.

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MR. JOSEPH WARD, who has died at Sidford, Devonshire, started life as a sailor. He then became a coastguard, and next a schoolmaster. When advanced in age he sat for and won a certificate, and became master of a public school in East Devon. When he retired he went to Sidford. Soon after this the post of mistress of the infant school was advertised. There were no applications for the post. Mr. Ward, to end the difficulty, took the duties upon himself, and for some years was the only head-master of an infant school in England.

# VICTORIA MEMORIAL HALL.

### Further Reports.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 1.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Victoria Memorial, held at Government House on 31st December under the presidency of the Viceroy the principal matter for discussion was the position resulting from Sir William Emerson's report expressing his views on the report (already published) submitted in May last by an Expert Engineering Committee composed of Messrs. J. R. Bell, F. Palmer and Banks Gwyther on the state of the foundations of the Victoria Memorial Hall. Sir William Emerson's report was referred to these three gentlemen for their further consideration and their second report was only received by the Trustees on the evening of the 30th December. It was therefore decided to hold another meeting of the Trustees on Tuesday 7th January at which Messrs. Bell and Palmer will be invited to attend. Mr. Gwyther will be absent from Calcutta and will be unable to be present. It was also resolved to send these further reports to the newspapers.

Another question under consideration of the Trustees was the proper housing of the exhibits pending construction of the Memorial Hall. It was resolved that the Museum Trustees should be approached with the object of arriving at an arrangement whereby without trenching upon their authority, this interesting and valuable collection may continue to be open to the public in the Museum Building under suitable conditions. The Trustees have a complete descriptive list showing every exhibit and place where it is now located and it is their desire as soon as possible to reunite under one roof all the exhibits which have been temporarily dispersed and to place the entire collection under the charge of an experienced Curator.

Mr. Emerson's letter covers eight pages of print and deals at length with the report of the Special Committee. He states that he consulted with and laid the whole matter before Messrs Mott and Hay and another young engineer (a clever mathematecian.) They agree with what he writes. He holds that as it is known the building will sink the point is to get it to sink equally. He does not regard the chances of earthquake shock as serious. He considers the employment of steel in the main walls and supports as undeniable and submits certain proposals for lightening the structure as a whole. To the proposal to cut the foundations into sections he is opposed, and the advisability of filling up the tanks near the site is reiterated.

Messrs Bell, Palmer and Gwyther criticize Mr. Emerson's letter and finalty give their views as follows:—

(1) From a combination of circumstances—to be more fully discussed in a subsequent paper—this site is new and exceptionally tender.

(2) It is more especially now hopelessly unsafe to treat the whole building as one block in expectation of escaping serious deformations caused by differential settlements.

(3) If segregated judiciously into blocks it is still possible, we maintain by the use of complete steel frameworks to induce each block to sink fairly evenly without internal dislocation.

(4) If the walls as well as the roofs can be adequately lightened without injury to the æsthetic desiderata differential sinkings between block and block can be minimised both while building and in the course of future earthquakes.

(5) As between contiguous blocks the steel frameworks must be so articulated or severed as will leave each absolutely free to take its own settlement. Moreover the masonry must be absolutely segregated from the top of the cornices to the bottom of the concrete beds not only while building but until appreciable settlements have practically ceased. Any roofs of adjacent blocks which cannot be segregated must be so articulated that differential movement will cause a minimum of disfigurement and injury.

(6) Where previously we simply expressed our hope and belief that the above structural changes "can be introduced without in any way prejudicing the æsthetic features of the original design" it seems well to say here that if the fact of differential settlement between blocks cannot in this design be æsthetically marked we see nothing for it but to adopt a design that will lend itself to free segregation. The Committee are unanimously of opinion that the substance of their report should be adhered to and say in any case the introduction of steel framework necessitates the preparation of fresh working drawings although it cannot effect the general design.

# ELECTRIC LIGHTING OF BANGALORE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

BANGALORE, JANUARY 1.

The lighting of the streets of Bangalore Civil and Military Station was inaugurated yesterday evening. Here was a large gathering at the East Parade Power Station which included Hon'ble the British Resident, Mr. Moore, President of the Municipality, Mr. Ananda Rao, First Councillor, Mysore Government, and the chief residents of the station and city.

Mrs. Moore switched on the light after the senior Commissioner of the Station Municipality had delivered a speech expressing gratitude to the Maharaja of Mysore for providing power at such reasonable rates. The new light is a vast improvement on the former system and the people are greatly gratified at the splendid way in which their streets are now illuminated.

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A LETTER from Mr. T. A. Edison concerning his proposed cheap house of cement appeared in the "Times." He says. "I am in receipt of many letters regarding newspaper articles describing a cement house which I am about to erect. The writers of most of the letters have misread the articles, and I take this occasion to explain what I propose to do. I now have a model, one-fourth the size of the house, designed by the New York architects. This winter I shall construct the iron moulds and devise machinery whereby a full-sized house can be cast in twelve hours after the moulds are in position. At the end of six days the iron moulds are removed, and the house will be complete, including stairs, partitions, mantels, bath, etc., and after drying six day, will probably be ready for occupancy. To build this house for 2000dols. it is essential that it be erected on sandy soils, as the material excavated for the cellar is all that is required to build the house except, of course, the cement. The cost of the iron moulds will be about 25,000dols., and the cost of the other machinery about 15,000dols. From this outfit an unlimited number of houses can be erected."

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MRS. PATTERSON, daughter of the late Richard Rothwell, R. H. A., writing in the "Times," says she is anxious to know what has become of all his pictures, both portraits and fancy pictures, of which he painted a very large number. I have reason to suppose that they are being sold under other names, as I have been for thirty years watching the papers for his name among the numerous sales which are always taking place and have never once seen it. He exhibited in the Royal Academy from about 1825 until 1860. I was very young when he died, but now feel something ought to be done, so that his work may not go down to posterity in another name.

# PLAYS AND PASTIMES.

## CHRISTMAS FARE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, DECEMBER 13.

Before proceeding to set out in detail the various menus that have been prepared for the entertainment of holiday audiences at the variety theatres it may be of some interest to note that while, as a general rule, theatrical managers are bewailing the calamitous condition of business, their colleagues of the music hall are beaming with the consciousness of rich prosperity. Cattle show week this year has, despite a climatic condition for which there is no printable word, been one of the best and busiest on record so far as the variety houses are concerned. Some of the theatres in question are to be regarded as extremely fortunate.

HONEY AT THE HIPPODROME.

There is promise of a sweet Christmassy mixture at the Hippodrome, where the chief ingredients of the festival fare will be the spectacle "Honeyland" and a version of "A Christmas Carol," which Mr. Bransby Williams has arranged for purposes of the stage.

So far as the principal feature of the bill is concerned there is at the moment some doubt as to whether it will be produced on the afternoon or in the evening of the 24th inst., but in all probability it will be served up to matinee visitors at about four o'clock. The full cast is as follows:

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| Queen Hubbi Shoo (of Honeyland...) | Mr. W. Fullbrook. |
| Prince Charming.............................. | Miss Leila Rose. |
| Princess Fair ... .............................. | Miss Maud Terry. |
| Mr. Phisto Flies (An Evil Spirit)......... | Mr. F. Call-Pitt. |
| Sir Simple Simon Snailwell............ | Mr. Jack Boston. |
| Spirit of the Hive.............................. | Fraulein Liesse. |
| Ess and Bouquet (Scent-inals)........... | Brothers Footitt. |

Herr Heidenreich's Flying Ballet and a troupe of John Tiller's girls will have an important share in "Honeyland," which is in six scenes. Mr. F. Neville Pigott has based his Christmas story upon Maurice Maeterlinck's "The Life of the Bee," and Mr. Carl Kiefert has composed the music.

THE "CAROL" ELABORATED.

The version of "A Christmas Carol" which Mr. Bransby Williams has made for Christmas use at the Hippodrome will be seen for the first time at that house next Monday evening. The imperishable story of Scrooge and the sweetening of his nature by Christmas influences is, it appears, to have a more elaborate setting than is usual, and in the present case both the stage and the arena are to be used for the scene of the street wherein stands the dwelling of Scrooge. At the outset the carol-singers will be driven from the old man's door as, passing along the street that runs through the arena, he enters his house. For a moment the lights are lowered, and then Scrooge is found fireless, alone, and wretched. As he sleeps the spirit of good-will and Christmas cheer prevails, and he goes out to shed the warmth of kindly feeling upon all.

SCROOGE AND THE TINY TIMS.

One afternoon during Christmas week Mr. Bransby Williams will, "made up" as Scrooge, visit some of the children's hospitals and gladden the hearts of the little patients with a store of toys which the old man, softened by the sentiment of the season, will carry for the Tiny Tims and their little sisters in suffering. This is an example that might well be followed in other quarters.

A CHRISTMAS FAREWELL.

Mlle. Adeline Genee's last five appearances upon the stage of the Empire will be commenced on the evening of Monday, Dec. 23rd, so that Christmas at this house will not be without the note of regret. It is announced that on Saturday evening, Dec. 28th, when the great dancer will make her final bow—for some time at least—to a London audience, there will be "something doing." Just what form the celebration will take is at the moment doubtful, but it is tolerably safe to say that it will be an occasion which, for enthusiasm, will have few parallels in the history of this house, which has been the scene of many great demonstrations. There are, of course, to be decorations. Mlle. Genee will, it is understood, revive all sorts of dances which she has made famous, and at the close—well, there are mysterious whispers of presentations, but since the lady is, obviously, not to know about these things beforehand, the surprise must not be spoiled.

THE "BELLE" REVIVED.

On Monday, 30th instant, "The Belle of the Ball" will be presented at the Empire in the form of what is known as a second edition. The contemplated changes will, it is understood, consist of a selection from a new set of operas. Among those at present being given, "The Belle of New York" will, it is thought, be retained. On the same evening Miss Topsy Sinden (who has been mildeadingly "boomed" as "Mlle. Genee's successor") will join the ballet and give several dances in character.

STRONG BILL AT THE PALACE.

Generous provision has been made for the entertainment of visitors to the Palace during the holiday season. At a house where the programme has for months past been of such rare excellence, the task of maintaining the standard necessarily becomes a matter of increasing difficulty, but that the turns can be found is proved by the fare which is promised for Christmas at the Palace. Here will be found Miss Vesta Tilley, Mr. Arthur Prince, Miss Evie Greene (whose latest reappearance has been a triumph), Miss Margaret Cooper, (twice recently honoured by Royalty), and Severin, the wonderful man who is so eloquent in silence.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

For some twenty minutes at Queen's Club this week Cambridge fought a brave fight against Oxford University. They even dominated the game; their forwards were better, more practical, quicker to heel, smarter and cleaner in breaking-up; and then right away to the end one only had an eye for Oxford, who, playing as a whole team, their pack seemingly strong enough to carry the day all by themselves, the halves and three-quarters splendidly combined, finished the winners by seventeen points (1 goal and four tries) to nothing.

This Oxford triumph was complete and deserved, and I think a true indication of the relative merits of the teams! Oxford were endowed with greater defensive ability; they had more initiative than Cambridge; when it came to a fight between the forwards they were, except during the earlier stages of the game, stronger.

Their work was characterised by greater purpose; they revealed greater physical strength when it was just a question of collar-work; but I think the grand secret of their great victory was the quickness of the halves, Williamson and Cunningham, and the combination and speed of the three-quarters.

SOME COMPARISONS.

Godby and Holloway were not the equals of Williamson and Cunningham. They lacked the resource and confidence that beget chances; they did not pull the best out of their three-quarters, who largely contributed to the general failure by a strange inability to show even their normal form.

McLeod, it can be truthfully said, was the great footballer everybody knows him to be, but the famous Scot, taking the game through, was not consistently brilliant. His real genius was seen in the fading light of a dull, threatening, gusty day, when Cambridge were already hopelessly beaten.

His effort was characteristic of his own great self; a sort of blind, desperate plunge through practically the whole Oxford team. Play, as it was nearly always in the second half, was being strictly confined in the Cambridge half. Another try for Oxford was likely at any moment, when McLeod gathered the ball from the toes of his oncoming opponents and with grand recklessness, with a superb belief in himself, set off at top speed as if he had a clear course.

He survived the biting tackling of many opponents, and when he had shaken himself free the whole crowd, fired to a high pitch for excitement, roaring approval as only a 'Varsity crowd can do, waited for McLeod to round off his mighty effort with a try.

But McLeod, when within a few yards of the line, had spent his energy in his wild adventure and threw the ball to Wright, who had only just clutched the ball when Milton pounced upon him and prevented a score.

R. C.

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MR. RUDYARD KIPLING, in opening the village institute at Burwash, Sussex, said that old villages remember what young towns forget:—"It is impossible to build a new heaven and earth, even with the finest bricks and mortar and the most florid resolutions, unless we can from time to time among ourselves attempt to make [illegible] gracious and more kindly for us all."

# BROOKLYN BRIDGE.

## Above the City of Unrest.

It hangs between two cities, this great bridge, like a huge aerial cobweb; the white ferry-boats thread the strait of water between like toy boats sailing in a child's bath-tub. It dwarfs everything, and the roofs of tall houses do not come near it by the smoke from their chimneys. There are only the clouds between it and heaven, a Yankee would tell you. Of all New York, you will not forget this bridge. Whatever hour of the twenty-four you choose for crossing it, it will leave its impress on your memory. All night long the trams are rumbling over it, scintillating with sparks from the screaming wires, moving like comets across the void; and scarce a support visible to the eyes of the watcher below. But by the hither bank there rises into the night a vast pedestal of stone, of the length and thickness of a warehouse, and towering aloft in awesome massiveness to the homes of the stars. Below the street lamps shine on it and illumine it with increasing dimness many feet up; beyond that it is all a towering black mass cut sharp against the clouds.

I cannot well forget my first crossing it. It was night, about eight o'clock, by ship time "eight bells." Our ship lay in one of the small docks hewn out in the river bank on the Brooklyn side, right in the shadow of the great pier. A wonderful thing it was to stand on the wooden staging where the waters of the Hudson, reflecting many moving light and re-echoing to the brazen din of the ferry-boat syrens, lapped in and out of the ratinfested beams, and to look across to the myriad lights framed in long rows of the skyscrapers of Broadway. How still our ship lay after the storm and stress and heat of the Caribbean. There was the cook smoking on deck in his easy chair, and the steward talking to the night watchman over the side; and the huge iron warehouse with its four great arc-lamps sizzling away over the boxes of precious rubber and little mountains of Brazil nuts. But the eyes kept wandering up above the roof to the everlasting traffic of the bridge. It was, as I say, about eight bells that I left the ship and made my way to the long acclivity which, going steeply upwards past and over the roofs of the houses, comes out at the full height of the bridge.

There was a track either side for trams and wheeled vehicles, all on the one side going one way, and the trams were coming so close one behind another as to resemble a long train. They were brilliantly lighted and fillied with passengers. In the middle was a raised walk for foot passengers. But it seemed little used by them; the poorest who had any business at all for crossing over went by the trams, while those who had no business for crossing or, unlike myself, no curiosity stayed on their own side. I saw the glistening roofs of houses below me, and the dimmed circles of the street lamps. A little further, and I was clear of the long lines of docks and warehouses, with the manyvoiced river itself below me glimmering through the interstices of the ironwork. It was a sensation as near akin to flying as could be outside a balloon. I looked seaward, whence I had come the day before through all the long, spacious New York harbour. A cool wind below on the face and far away the dark waters which joined the Old and New Worlds through three thousand miles mingled with the clouds. In the opposite way a very constellation of lights lay spread at my feet, point beyond point, row beyond row, divided by the curving track of the river where it wound away into the hinterland. For every light how many lives? In the unlighted places what of secret crime and misery? I crossed the bridge late once. It was in the small hours of the morning, but the brilliant trams were still flying across it. It is the City of Unrest, New York. It neither slumbers nor sleeps. The coffee-houses were open down in the streets, and doing good business. I was again on foot. I could not resist the fascination, even at that hour, of a walk in mid-air over the lights of the wonder-city. In the corners of the ironwork many shelterless loafers were passing the night. A strange resting place, high in the air above the thousands of roofs which would not cover them. An arm, or a foot, or a dark shadow huddled away in the vague light of a distant lamp showed where each was covering, forgetful for a while of friendlessness and poverty.

I passed on, and came down into New York, where the great bridge ends. There is a quarter of disrepute close by, called the Bowery. In it is a saloon known to all sailormen who go often to New York. It is advisable not to take in more money than one can spare, for none but empty pockets ever come out. Along the docks on the Brooklyn side were numbers of alehouses, where they sold the most villainous beer. Apparently, for a small sum one could drink it without end, and if that small sum were wanting one could go "on tick" till the next voyage, when, of course one might forget the small debt but never the *bonhomie* of the landlord who had proved himself a friend indeed in the hour of dire necessity. The streets were narrow and ill-lit, and full of dark alleys leading down to the water's edge. Scenes of busy labour during the day, they were given over to the rats of night and to bipeds perhaps less estimable.

Our cargo as it lay spread out in the great shed made a show to make a merchant's brain revolve. There were thousands of pounds' worth of rubber in big packing-cases. These were dragged out and opened under strict supervision. The rubber was in big black balls called "negroheads." Each was cut open as it was unpacked to test its soundness with, in, for Brazilians are not above filling up the insides occasionally with mud. Swarms of flies buzzed out from each case as it was opened, the rubber having some potent attraction for them. In other corners of the shed stood little mountains of Brazil nuts, and in one a pile of malodorous deerskins which we brought up for an American glove factory. One of our night watchmen—we had two—was an old Manchester man of 70. He had emigrated to the States when he was a lad of about twenty. When he came away it was all fields round Didsbury, which was an inconspicuous village. He was never tired of recalling the Didsbury lanes and fields which he had not revisited since he left them. His fellow-watchman was the most extraordinary eccentric I ever saw. He was afflicted with locomotor ataxia—an old ship's captain who had gone to the dogs. As he told me, once he commanded his own ship, now he had to watch other men's by night. He fed himself on raw onions, nuts, and bananas, and maintained that he was slowly curing himself by this means. It was quite eerie coming into the shed at night and passing by the gangway, which had a small lantern hanging, to have this old fellow start up from the top of a cask and croak you a good night, or to meet him shuffling about and tapping with his heavy stick among the piles of packing-cases. What with him and the rats and the nasty foreign creatures which crawled out of the cargo—scorpions, tarantulas, and even snakes—the big shed was a weird place enough at night.

And all the while overhead the bridge traffic went on day and night alike, and the tide swept in and out of our basin, swirling round under the long curving prow the driftage of the city on its way to the all-cleansing ocean, and with fierce shrieks the ferry-boats fled past, churning up the sparkling waters and bearing recklessly through the traffic their crowds of holiday-makers watching with true American equanimity the boats they just missed running down, until it seemed as if the whole city, land, air, and water, was one gigantic incarnation of perpetual motion.

A. W. H.

# FOREIGN CABLE COMMUNICATION.

STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION.

| Great Britain. | Continent of Europe. | America. | Australia. | China. | Africa. |
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| Via Turkey Interrupted | Via Turkey Interrupted | Via Valentia Perfect. | Via Amoor Perfect. | Via Amoor Perfect. | Via Cadiz Teneriffe Perfect. |
| Via Suez Perfect. | Via Suez Perfect. | Via Direct Cable Perfect. | ...... | Via Bhamo Perfect. | Via Lisbon Vincent Perfect. |

**Latest dates of Foreign Messages received at Bombay from the United Kingdom during the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m. of the 1st Jan. 1908.**

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NOTICE.

Turkish route interrupted beyond Bassora (30-12-07.

A COLONY where open-air work at market gardening will be provided for consumptive convalescents is to be established near High Wycombe. Lord Carrington has offered to provide the land required. The object is to save the men who have had the disease arrested by treatment at a sanatorium, but who might become as ill as ever if they had to go back to the mills and factories.

# JACOBEAN FURNITURE.

The term "Jacobean" is applied by experts in furniture to the period commencing from the date when James I, in 1603, brought his Scottish Court to London and when the House of Stuart supplanted the House of Tudor. The Jacobean period in furniture ends with the flight of the Second James, who escaped in the dead of the night in fear of his head, and by his abdication brought about sudden social changes in which the "entourage" of the Court of William of Orange played no inconsiderable part.

Many of the so-called Elizabethan mansions were built in the time of her successor, and similarly much of the furniture of early Stuart days had not yet put off its Elizabethan grandeur. In the latter days of the "modern Solomon" and in the reign of Charles I. furniture assumed more domestic character, and the designs of chairs and of tables, of cupboards and of drawers, had a national character about them which nowadays appeals most strongly to the collector. Connoisseurs rightly regard the joinery of seventeenth-century furniture as the best of its kind. The fine old oak which went to the making of this furniture is not now procurable, and the wear of a couple of centuries has imparted to its surface a patina with which no sham antique or modern replica can compete. Once seen, the rich warm brown tone of an old specimen in fine preservation will stand as an ideal with which to make comparison.

Except in the more sumptuous pieces such as the specimens of the days of James I. in the collection of Lord Sackville at Knole, the typical Jacobean chair is without upholstery. The usual form of oak chair is the tall, straight, high-backed variety, very much like a modern hall-chair. The back is carved in lozenges, and a frequent design is one which embodies a rosette with a button in the centre which has been passed from one generation of designers to another till it has become a common ornament affixed in the middle of the latter-day cheap factory-made sideboard which adorns the parlour of the most modest villa.

In early Jacobean specimens the lower rail of the chairs is within a few inches from the ground, and this rail bears evidence of having been worn away by generations of sitters. Later, in the days of Charles I. and Charles II., this stretcher is higher. The days of draughty floors and big halls were followed by an age of greater comfort. The growth of Puritan England was the growth of the middle classes, and the homes of the yeoman and the trading classes began to require furniture of lesser dimensions and of more utility.

There is a peculiar simplicity of design running through all middle Jacobean pieces. The oak cupboards and the tables are unornate except for the carved panels and the sturdy strength of turned pillar. The gate-leg table, with its endless varieties, began to exhibit in its legs a fanciful style of turning which has always appealed to lovers of the quaintly picturesque. The style known as "Cromwellian table" is still made, and many of the modern examples are sold to unwary buyers as antiques. There should be no difficulty in determining whether a gate-leg table is old or not. Obviously two centuries must have worn away the square apertures in the lower rails into which the gate swings. But in modern examples the edges of these are as sharp as though cut yesterday, which is indeed the truth in regard to many of them. Moreover, a careful examination will reveal the fact that glue and screws are component parts in their construction. In Jacobean furniture all the joinery is of a solid character, and it should be noted by the collector that the mortise joints are secured by oaken pegs, which are visible where the mortise has been put into the tenon.

To an experienced eye a piece of old wood is known at a first glance, and it should not be difficult to detect the modern staining to simulate old oak. Genuine specimens have attained their ripeness by thousands of applications of beeswax and turpentine and linseed-oil carefully rubbed in, but the modern fabricator has no time for this; he does in a few hours what centuries of wear are supposed to have effected. And he does it badly. There is always a stickiness and a lack of tone in his finished result in its visible parts, and upon an examination of the inside of the doors or the under surfaces of the rails they tell their own story.

But with more insidious art the up-to-date maker of old furniture manufactures his wares of genuine old wood. He buys up old pew backs, and he slices down portions of Tudor bedsteads or affixes genuine sides of old chests as panels to his newly created sideboards. Here the eye of the collector must be more trained to discriminate between what is true and what is false. After having educated himself in observing genuine examples in well-known collections, the beginner gradually acquires a new instinct in regarding with suspicion much that is offered him for sale. If he is bent on acquiring fine examples he will apply all that he has learnt with the view of identifying any doubtful piece he sees.

In London and in the provinces there are many well known dealers whose personal taste in old furniture is exceptionable, and who sell nothing but genuine examples, and it is to their credit as a class to say that when they discover the love which a customer has for old furniture they are always ready to impart useful information to him, and to assist him by their judgment and experience in making a representative collection.

To modest collectors perhaps the seventeenth century offers even more chances of procuring a bargain than does the eighteenth century. The demand for walnut and mahogany and the more graceful designs of the days of Chippendale and his school, and later of Sheraton with his boudoir elegance, has grown apace till the running has become too fast for the collector with slender purse who cannot afford to buy what is the latest thing in fashionable collecting. Nor is it everybody who appreciates the sober reticence of early and middle Jacobean styles. But to him who ponders over the origin and environment of these relics of days when the great Civil War rent the country in twain, and who sadly casts a vain regret on the sudden arrest of the progress of art in England under Charles I., these fragments stand out as a painful monument of something which might have been.

In days when it "was sinful to fly a hawk, to play at chess, to wear a lovelock, to put starch into a ruff, to touch the virginals, or to read the 'Faerie Queene,'" there is little wonder to find that the art of furniture made no progress until Charles II. set the fashion by his luxury-loving Court. Furniture of his day and of that of James II shows strong Continental influences. The aristocracy had not been on their travels for nothing. Elaborately carved chairs in Italian manner and settees with cane backs and with cane or upholstered seats became the fashion. The turning in the legs of the chairs was of greatly varied character, and the stretcher, instead of being a plain piece of wood, was used as part of the decorative ornament of the chair. The legs often were scrolled in form and curled upwards at the extremities with graceful curve, and the backs of the chairs, which for a century had been designed with a straight top, began to approach the oval form of the succeeding age.

The later Jacobean styles, when the designer exhibited a feeling for gracefulness, are always sought after by collectors, and it is not easy to procure fine examples of either Charles II. or James II. period, but simpler chairs known as Yorkshire and Derbyshire, though not confined to those counties, of roughly carved oak, are not infrequently to be found in out-of-the-way country towns, and sideboards and buffets, often used as butter-cupboards or as bacon-larders in farmhouses, date from the days of the First Charles.

In all, though old oak has been greatly fabricated there is a fascination in the collecting of pieces which belong to the days when Herrick the golden mouthed was singing his songs to Julia and to Anthea in Devonshire, when Montrose laid his head on the block for a fallen cause, and when the inimitable Pepys set down his curious revelations in his Diary, in cipher, which posterity has unriddled.

"A ROMANCE begun half a century ago has (the "Chronicle" says) just been brought to a happy issue by the marriage of the lover at the age of eighty-four and seventy-four respectively. When Mr. Richard White, farmer, of Glasbury, Breconshire, plighted his troth to Miss Lucy Bull fifty years since there was an insurmountable obstacle to their union. This was the fact that the young lady was a Roman Catholic. The couple parted, and later on Mr. White married. After forty-six years Mrs. White died. Miss Bull remained single, and when, after the death of Mrs. White, the schoolmistress again met her former sweetheart the old affection was revived on both sides. Mr. White, now eighty-four, proposed once more, and was accepted.

# THE OLD POND.

## An Unveiling of Secrets.

The old pond in the valley was a world by itself, although no self respecting angler would have ventured near it. The shore that bounded it was the world's end, and standing there in the dusky silence of the summer evening you could hear the wallowings and splashings of its inhabitants, and now and then a loud suck or smack of the lips as a fish snapped at some insect hovering low on the water. But though it was rather deep and well populated it was looked upon as the most "unfishable" of spots, for the village folk persisted in considering it as a sort of repository or furniture-storing depot. The result was that old kettles and pans, and even articles of clothing and footgear, had at various times found their way to the bottom. There were mysterious places beneath the overhanging willows whose roots spread under the water where the hooked fish would have darted and entangled the lines, and the monster eels with which the pond was credited would have twined in and out among the cast-off farm utensils and the stoutest of guts would have snapped like thread.

One morning in the early autumn half-a-dozen brawny, brown-armed men were discovered at the edge of the pond digging a trench in a style that set the villagers gapping with admiration. Seeking out my friend the farmer, I learned that his intention was to cut a new drain in place of the old damaged one and empty and clean the pond. So day after day they picked and delved deep down and shovelled out the soil until they had cut a dyke fully fifteen feet deep; then they laid the pipes. That vast trench fascinated me; through its agency the secrets of the old pond would soon be secrets no longer. And as I watched the men working, as interested in the affair as the village folk themselves I wondered what the old pond would reveal. Frogs and snails and newts would be there as a matter of course; the lads were "sartin" of the eels; and of the carp, "eh, sir, but you should see 'em sometimes; girt whoppers as come up after bread like dogs; big as dogs, too!"

The pond was reached at last, and over the pipe a piece of netting was placed to prevent the fish from passing down. Soon the water was rushing away in a torrent to an old pit lying at the edge of the wood. Gradually the roots of the willows were exposed to view, and countless holes were visible in the banks, burrowed by the water-voles and the eels, perhaps. Slimy posts and sticks reared their heads above the water, and the old village pump, looking extremely forlorn, was hailed with shouts of boyish glee. Lower sank the water, and a chorus of welcomes greeted the resurrection of an old billhook some two yards from the bank. It had fallen from the hand of a farm labourer some years ago when he was lopping the overhanging willows, and, curiously enough, it looked none the worse for its long immersion. The water was now only a foot deep—except in the pools,—and the bubbles which were beginning to rise indicated that in a very short time it would be bad for the fish. As the depth gradually decreased to inches the surface began to ripple and here and there a dark object could be seen ploughing its way along through the mud. It was plain that the water was thick with fish, and the excitement began to increase as the boys, straining their young eyes, traced the movements of shoals of tiny startled creatures darting to and fro. Then as the water grew lower still the surface became suddenly calm again, and all signs of life disappeared. The fish might have passed down the drain for all there was to be seen.

The time for action had evidently arrived, and as many large tubs as could be procured were filled with clean water, and half-a-dozen buckets were brought from the farm. Then one of the workmen stepped into the slimy bed of the pond, and, throwing out the mud right and left, dug a trench from pool to pool, thus providing an outlet for the water lodging therein. This hastened its flow, and as the pools gradually emptied—some were pretty deep—a sudden scuffling and splashing of small fish set the lads dancing with joy. Roach leaped into the air, and tiny bream displayed their silvery sides. Each of the score of pools was occupied by a shoal of fish, while in the deeper ones the great carp could be seen sailing calmly here and there in single file, except in one instance where a monster swam along with one half his size above his side. Lower sank the water, and though the small fish were all splash and terror, the carp seemed quite unflurried, retiring with the water as it became less and less, until at last they were huddled in shoals in the larger pools. Then we caught a glimpse of the eels, great creatures a yard long, slowly gliding through what was rapidly becoming liquid mud. Very sturdy and fat they looked as they sought for some place of refuge, suddenly disappearing with a wriggle and a twist as they worked themselves down into the mud.

By this time two of the workmen were busy with the landing-net. As the smaller fish were carried along with the water towards the pipes they were caught by the net and scooped into the buckets and carefully transferred to the tubs. The men worked furiously, with quite a boyish enthusiasm, though they took great care not to slip into the mud. When the water become low enough to reach the carp, the men laid planks along the slimy bed of the pond, and approached the pools beneath the willows. "Tek keer ye dunner 'urt 'em!" was the farmer's command, and a large bucket was dipped in and lifted smartly out again. Plunging about in the quarter of a pailful of mud was a huge carp. The man holding the bucket was splashed from head to foot as it struggled wildly, and at last with a mighty leap it disappeared again into the pool. Its comrades were calm no longer. Their dignity had been ruffled; and there was a tremendous splashing as efforts were renewed and the creatures scooped out. The men found it necessary to hold them down by main force, for they exerted their tremendous strength to the utmost in their furious efforts to escape. Splendid fellows they were, too, clothed in their golden armour, panting and gasping with surprise as they were safely landed. Cheers from the banks greeted each capture, and shrieks of laughter each escape. The physical power of the carp was astonishing, and again and again they forced themselves through the men's hands back into the water. When attention was eventually directed to the eels it soon became apparent that the task was far from finished. As the landing-net was held before these slippery customers they showed as they glided over the mud that they could travel backwards just as quickly and easily as with their heads foremost. Hands and shovels were useless now, and the men forgot all about the mud. But lithe and strong as they were, the eels were forced to succumb in the end. Then the remainder of the small fish were secured, the last of the water drained off, and nothing remained but three feet of mud and that strange feeling which steals over us when we gaze upon some place which speaks dumbly of the past.

Nothing? Deep down in the mud some of the eel, had wriggled like worms, and these were now attacked. The mud was stirred with poles and shovels until they were discovered and, after a long fight, carried twisting and squirming to the tubs. It was now that several of the men discovered for the first time that eels can bite hard. At last, tired, wet and weary, the mud-bespattered labourers were called off and the empty pond left in pathetic solitude. Next morning the remaining eels had come to the surface and were caught in the pools where a little water had drained. The carp, some of them splendid old fellows with scales turned grey with age, as venerable as the pond itself, were reverently placed in another pond, and the eels were killed and cooked. These eels thoroughly deserved their fate, for during the night they had shown their resentment of their captivity by biting pieces out of their smaller fellow-prisoners, the roach and the bream. And perhaps some naturalist will explain why the men found not a single little carp.

THOMAS MOULT.

# THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty four hours ending at 6 a. m. yesterday, give the following results:—

| Wards. | Plague Attacks. | Plague Deaths. | Deaths from all causes. |
|---|---|---|---|
| A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| B Mandvi, Chakla, Oomerkhadi and Dongri ............ | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| C Market, Dhobi Talao Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao, and Kumbharwada .. | 0 | 0 | 18 |
| D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpati, Walkeshwar, and Mahaluxmi | 0 | 0 | 11 |
| E Mazagon, Tarwadi, 2nd Nagpada, Kamatipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada | 0 | 0 | 15 |
| F Parel, Sewree and Sion ......... | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| G Mahim and Worli ........... | 0 | 0 | 11 |
| Water Division ............ | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Non-Resident and Unknown ....... | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hospitals ............ | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Total......... | 0 | 0 | 80 |
| Total plague deaths to date. |  | 141,690 |  |
| Same date last year .......... | 3 | 4 | 98 |

SMALL-POX.

| Attack. | Death. |
|---|---|
| 2 | 0 |

A SERIES of interesting antiquarian discoveries has been made at Dumpton and Broadstairs, in the Isle of Thanet. At Dumpton what appears to have been a Celtic camp has been partially excavated in the making of a new road. Several trenches over 40ft. long have been discovered, and a number of skeletons, a quern stone, and a cordoned vase have also been unearthed. At Broadstairs the surveyor's staff while sinking a shaft opened out an ancient pit with a burnt clay floor from which a quantity of rare Celtic pottery, with incised markings and decorations, an iron spear-head, etc. have been recovered.

# A DEATH SENTENCE.

## The Majesty of the Law.

A man is to be tried for murder; and there is no shade of doubt that he will be condemned to death. The court is crowded with the curious, and an even greater crowd is assembled outside the court to see the pageantry with which we impress on the vulgar the majesty and sanctity of the law.

It is raining. Mounted police, then the Judge in scarlet and ermine the Judge's marshal, the High Sheriff of the county in scarlet uniform, the sheriff's chaplain, and the gorgeous trumpeters—a splendid splash of colour in the little county town. This is the Law, my masters—a thing to gape at. Three times a year you may gape your bellyful. Somewhere, in a dark cell below the court, is the man who is to be condemned to death. A blue-coated figure is by him, watching, watching. What if he should go to meet death!

The Judge enters the court and takes his seat under the canopy, the High Sheriff on his right. The members of the Bar settle themselves in their places. Curious men these; clever enough, but among them no personality. For most of them their profession has proved too strong. One rises; he requests that certain pleas may be taken. The prisoners, he is informed, will plead guilty. The Clerk of Assize reads from the calendar three names, and presently these men are in the dock facing the Judge. The centre of them is a man. He dwarfs the Judge and members of the Bar. He has the face of a German philosopher, obviously a great man, and his hand is against society. He is sent to prison for four years, and those four years he will spend in weaving new plots, new schemes for robbing the fools. Truly, a man; but he is taken away and hidden. As he goes he murmurs something to the warders which produces a cackle of laughter. There is a hush. The murderer is in the dock. Necks are craned that eyes may light upon him, who seems dazed, half-silly. It is a terrible story; let us pass on.

The Clerk of Assize rises, mumbles: "Prisoner at the bar, you are indicated for that on the——." A little guinea-pig of a man, this, with a voice such as guinea-pigs might have if speech were vouchsafed to them. There is no light of interest in the prisoner's eye. He has made a careful toilet for this, his only public appearance on the stage of life. He is probably cleaner than he has ever been before. The trial proceeds. Counsel for the prosecution states shortly the facts of the case to the jury. Judge, counsel, and jury all seem to have adjusted the expressions of their faces to suit the solemnity of the occasion. Witnesses are called to prove the facts. The father of the murdered child is the first witness. He is dumb and resents the gentle cross-examination of Mr. X——, who is defending at the request of the Judge and is taking the only possible line of defence—insanity. It is impossible to dispute the facts of the sordid story. The mother is called. The facts are proved. One witness, a tailor, deposes to hearing two screams on the night in question. He took them to be signs of a quarrel between man and wife and returned to his business. For that he is bullied by the Judge and, following that lead, by counsel. The Judge delivers himself of a little sermon on chivalry—a comic sermon. More witnesses, anxious witnesses, stubborn witnesses, sullen witnesses, eager witnesses, and finally the police witness, who delivers an admirable little recitation. That is the case for the prosecution.

Mr. X——rises to address the jury on behalf of the prisoner. He touches lightly on the facts, admits that there is no possibility of dispute, and turns to insanity. He reads extracts from a work on medical jurisprudence dealing with sexual madness. He shows that the prisoner has been known upon occasion to behave queerly; that he can have had no sane, cold-blooded reason for his crime. He is speaking quietly, tactfully; but suddenly he goes wrong. He quotes inferior poetry and at once strikes a false note. True advocates are rare; this is not one of them. His advocacy is a trick learned by hard toll. He has done his best; but there was nothing to be done.

And the prisoner all this time, what of him? He has been sitting there with dropped jaw and vacant eye only occasionally gleaming into intelligence as he hears the story brought out with question and answer. Remember, he has had weeks alone in his cell, turning and turning it over in his slow mind. Did he do it? Why did he do it? Will they kill him? Who is he? What is he? Was there even such a child as she they say he killed? And if you really kill a human being, is it really dead? And if he did kill her, how could he help it? Wasn't he born that he might kill her, and wasn't she born that she might be killed by him? In the cell all those weeks he must have been thinking, thinking, thinking of these questions and more, and probably never before in his life has he consciously deliberately thought. Dazed with thought, there occurs to him the idea, a faint, far-off idea, of God. That beats upon his brain—it is a hammering word,—and he abandons himself to that idea. God! Possibly it is his first cosmic idea. God! That becomes everything. And why are these poor fools in court talking about him so long? They mean to kill him. Everybody said he would be hanged. In prison he had the sense of what people outside were saying of him. He would be hanged; but there is God, so what does hanging matter? Those twelve fools of the jury, why are they so long?

The Foreman of the jury rises. The Clerk of Assize turns of him—"Gentlemen of the jury, have you considered your verdict?"

Foreman: We 'ave.

Clerk: And will you say whether you find the prisoner at the bar guilty or not guilty?

Foreman: Guilty.

The Sheriff's chaplain moves over and stands by the Judge, who draws a long face and places on his head a black cloth square. He delivers himself of another long sermon.

The Clerk rises again: "Prisoner at the bar, have you anything to say why sentence of death should not be passed upon you?"

The prisoner says nothing. What is there for him to say?

Sentence of death is passed in unctuous tones. This judge is not a clever enough actor.

The comedy is over.—GILBERT CANNAN, in the "Manchester Guardian."

DISCUSSING, in the "New Age," the operation of Demand and Supply, Mr. Bernard Shaw observes: "Milton took £5 for 'Paradise Lost' because he could not get any more. I should ask £5,000 for the same quantity of pen-and-ink work because I need not take any less. The employer to-day is emphatically a man who, like Milton and myself, has to take what he can get."

ALTHOUGH internal-combustion engines have, in England, become very popular, and have been applied to many purposes, their adoption for propelling vessels has not made nearly so much headway as in the United States, where motor-yachts for sea and river are very numerous. The few motor-boats that have so far been used in this country do not approach to anything like the standard of elegance and comfort that characterises the American craft. Considerable interest, says "Engineering," should therefore attach to the boat Swietlana, designed and built by John I. Thornycroft and Co., Limited, of Chiswick and Southampton, to the order of a Russian gentleman, and intended for use on the rivers of Central Russia. Her dimensions are:—Length on deck, 78 ft; length on water line, 70 ft.; beam, 13 ft.; depth, 4 ft. 9 in.; and the draught loaded (on trail) was 1 ft. 9 in. Two Thornycroft motors are used for the propelling machinery, and each of these has four cylinders of a diameter of 6 in., with a stroke of 8 in. Each motor will develop 50 brake horse-power, or a total of 100 brake horse-power, which is transmitted to twin-propellers, specially arranged in tunnels which allow of proper immersion. The machinery is of the type which has for some time been supplied by Messrs. Thornycroft for similar purposes, and has been largely adopted for government, mercantile, and pleasure craft; and vessels fitted with similar machinery are now in the service of the Southern Nigeria Marine, plying on the Niger and its tributaries, and are being satisfactorily worked by hitherto inexperienced natives. This may be taken as a clear proof of simplicity and ease of handling. The fuel used is ordinary commercial paraffin, and not petrol spirit, though the latter may be used if desired by employing a special type of change over throttle-valve, by means of which the carburettor when petrol is used, is in connection with the inlet-pipe of the motor. When arranged for paraffin, however, the vaporiser, is connected in place of the carburettor. In either case the exhaust is taken through the vaporiser so that when the change is made from petrol to paraffin, it can be done instantly. There is a distinct economy obtained from the use of paraffin as compared with petrol, which is a special feature of the engines.

# THE LADIES' CORNER.

A QUEEN'S TOILETTES.

The Queen of Portugal, who came to Paris from England, where she attended the wedding of her sister, Princess Louise of Orleans, has been seen here, there, and everywhere writes our lady correspondent in Paris. She is undoubtedly a handsome woman, perhaps the handsomest of all the daughters of the Comtesse de Paris—but besides this she has singularly perfect taste in dress and understands how to combine picturesque effects with good taste. At the Opera, the other night, she wore a princess dress of supple satin, in a delightful shade of oyster white, which in high lights looked almost silver. A theatre gown worn by Queen Amelie was a picturesque creation of ivory crepe de Chine, inset with filet lace and embroidered in silver. At her throat she wore the superb collar of diamonds and pearls which was presented to her by the King just before she left Portugal for England, and in her dark hair she wore some beautiful diamond combs.

BEAUTIFUL EVENING GOWNS.

Amongst the costumes ordered in Paris by Queen Amelie two evening gowns specially deserve description. One is a princess robe of black satin, of a specially supple quality; the train is long and cut square at the back, and over this there is a wonderful tunic of black filet inset with Chantilly and embroidered in roses. These roses seem as though carelessly thrown on the filmy background, and the floss silks used in the embroidery are in subdued pastel shades. The robe shows a slightly raised waistline at the back, and in front it outlines the waist, doing away with any necessity for a sash or waistband; the bodice shows two large roses, one on either side, just over the bust, and instead of sleeves there are shoulder-straps of black satin. Under this bodice there is a dainty little chemisette, with short puffed sleeves of point d'Alencon. The second evening gown is composed entirely of crepe the Chine, in a rich shade of prune, the fragile material being mounted on pleatings of prune chiffon. Here, again, the skirt is plain, with a long train, which hangs in exquisite folds, and there is a most curiously fashioned tunic over-dress, bordered all round with Japanese embroidery in black and white silks on a ground of silver tissue. On the bodice, which is cut low and square, bands of the same embroidery run in horizontal lines, and there are "angel" sleeves of the crepe de Chine.

THE PICTURESQUE FELT.

Some of the prettiest felt shapes are in dark colour, with facings of white, and have wide brims rolling in front at the edge like the halo shapes of last summer. Other felts with white facings are smaller and roll more abruptly, resembling in shape the Panama hats so much worn during the summer. Some very attractive and simple little French hats in this last shape are trimmed merely with big soft scarves, or with large choux of silk or velvet, set at the front. The use of big choux of silk or velvet in combination with other trimming or as the sole trimming is widespread, and many excellent results are obtained in this way. Where velvet is used for the choux it should be of the softest, finest variety, and the skill of the designer is displayed not only in the graceful shaping and posing of these huge soft choux, but in the harmonizing of their colours. There are shades of purple, mole, and soft dull blue combined which are triumphs of colour harmony. Purple, blue, and grey are the dominant colours in fact, in the new millinery, but there is infinite variety in shading of these colours, and the wine shades, greens, and browns are well represented. In the right-hand corner an extremely smart little morning hat is sketched. It is in purple felt, with a mole marabout feather, shaded with blue at the side.

# RAILWAY RETURNS.

## B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY.

Approximate return of traffic for week ended 14th Dec. on 504·35 Miles open

|  | Coaching Traffic Receipts. | Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts. | Other Earnings (Estimated.) | Total Earnings. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. |
| Total traffic for the week ............ | 1,45,000 | 2,25,000 | 4,000 | 3,74,000 |
| Or per mile of Railway ............ | 288 | 446 | 8 | 742 |
| For previous 23 weeks of halfyear ........ | 30,67,171 | 41,26,928 | 92,382 | 72,86,481 |
| Total for 24 weeks | 32,12,171 | 43,51,928 | 96,382 | 76,60,481 |
| Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year ............ | 1,29,789 | 2,45,289 | 2,551 | 3,77,629 |
| Per mile of Ry. do. .. | 257 | 487 | 5 | 749 |
| Total to corresponding date do. .. | 31,17,062 | 46,18,764 | 1,09,427 | 78,45,253 |

Decrease for the week.... Rs. 3,629
Do. to date .. „ 1,84,772

## G. I. P. RAILWAY.

The following is the comparative statement of traffic earnings for week ending 21st December.

|  | Coaching Traffic | Goods Traffic. | Sundry Receipts. | Total for the week |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Approximate earnings for week ending 21st Dec. 07. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. |
| G I P R Section | 3,00,601 | 9,12,805 | 6,571 | 12,19,977 |
| I M R system .. | 68 796 | 1,47,674 | 891 | 2,17,361 |
| A D C Ry ... | 9,681 | 18,900 | 45 | 28,626 |
| Total... | 3,79,078 | 10,79,379 | 7,507 | 14,65,964 |
| Actuals for corresponding week ending 22nd Dec. 06. |  |  |  |  |
| G I P R Section... | 3,26,624 | 10,27,443 | 16,691 | 13,70,758 |
| I M system... | 70,696 | 2,57,819 | 6,711 | 3,35,226 |
| A D C Ry ... | 14,592 | 22,712 | 97 | 37,401 |
| Total... | 4,11,912 | 13,07,974 | 23,499 | 17,43,385 |
| Increase or Decrease G I P R... | — 26,023 | —1,14,638 | — 10,120 | —1,50,781 |
| Increase or Decrease I M R... | — 1,900 | —1,10,145 | — 5,829 | —1,17,865 |
| Increase or Decrease A D C Ry | — 4,911 | — 3,812 | — 52 | — 8,775 |

NOTE.—Corrected with Audited figures up to 16th November 1907.

## RAJPUTANA-MALWA RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 14th Dec. on 1,768·25 Miles open.

|  | Coaching Traffic Receipt. | Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts. | Other Earnings estimated. | Total Earnings. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. |
| Total Traffic for the week ......... | 1,66,000 | 2,75,000 | 7,000 | 4,48,000 |
| Or per mile of Railway | 94 | 155 | 4 | 253 |
| For previous 23 weeks of half-year ...... | 40,77,929 | 64,41,373 | 1,59,030 | 106,78,332 |
| Total for 24 weeks.... | 42,43,929 | 67,16,373 | 1,66,030 | 111,26,332 |
| Comparison. Total for corresponding Week of previous year | 1,55,348 | 4,05,858 | 24,075 | 5,85,281 |
| Per mile of Ry do. | 88 | 229 | 14 | 331 |
| Total to corspg date do. | 40,58,689 | 64,20,388 | 1,69,888 | 106,48,965 |

Decrease for the week .. Rs. 1,37,281
Increase to date.......... „ 4,77,367

## GODHRA-RUTLAM-NAGDA RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 14th Dec. on 141·14 Miles open.

|  | Coaching Traffic Receipts. | Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts. | Other Earnings (estimated). | Total Earnings. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. |
| Total Traffic for the week ............... | 6,000 | 11,000 | ..... | 17,000 |
| Or per mile of Railway | 42 | 78 | ..... | 120 |
| For previous 23 weeks of half-year ....... | 1,45,083 | 4,29,800 | 4,064 | 5,78,947 |
| Total for 24 weeks.... | 1,51,083 | 4,40,800 | 4,064 | 5,95,947 |
| Comparison. Total for corresponding Week of previous year | 4,868 | 24,953 | 104 | 29,925 |
| Per mile of Ry. do. .. | 34 | 177 | 1 | 212 |
| Total to corspg date do. | 1,29,249 | 4,62,201 | 5,030 | 5,96,480 |

Decrease for the week..... Rs. 12,925
Do. to date ........ „ 533

## NAGDA-MUTTRA RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 14th Dec. on 101 Miles open.

|  | Coaching Traffic Receipts. | Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts. | Other Earnings (estimated). | Total Earnings. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. |
| Total Traffic for the week ............ | 1,500 | 800 | 40 | 2,340 |
| Or per mile of Railway.. | 15 | 8 | — | 23 |
| For previous 21 weeks of half-year ......... | 33 573 | 21,774 | 994 | 56,341 |
| Total for 22 weeks...... | 3[illegible],073 | 22,574 | 1,0[illegible] | 58,681 |
| Comparison. Total for corresponding Week of previous year | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Per mile of Ry. do. .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Total to corspg date do. | .. | .. | .. | ... |

# BY THE WAY.

DINIZULU'S LAST TRIAL.

Early in 1889 Dinizulu, at that time a young stripling, was tried before a special Court at Eshowe, the capital of Zululand, the indictment specifying "high treason" as the offence with which he was charged. The Court, which was presided over by Sir Walter Wragg, a puisne judge of the Natal Court, assembled in a large store, just completed for the Hon. Mr. Brunner, a prominent white resident of Zululand. Dinizulu was represented by the Hon. Harry Escombe, afterwards Premier of Natal, and Mr. W. Y. Campbell. After a prolonged hearing the son of Cetewayo and his two uncles were found guilty, and sentenced, in the presence of an imposing array of Imperial troops, to deportation to St. Helena. Dinizulu's sentence was ten years, while his uncles, Undabuko and Tshingana, were condemned to fifteen and twelve years' banishment respectively.

THE FIRE AT WELLINGTON.

Like many other important buildings in Wellington, the New Zealand Parliament House, just destroyed by fire, was constructed of wood—a precaution against damage by earthquakes. The appearance of so much timber in the official section of the city reminded Mr. Michael Davitt of the towns of the American West. It was not until 1865 that Wellington became the capital of the Colony (now the Dominion), that position having been previously held by Auckland. Its more central situation was the determining factor in the change. A unique feature of the New Zealand Parliament is that it contains four representatives of the Maori race. Anthony Trollope, by the way, described the New Zealand Parliamentary bores as the worst he had ever heard, but the visit which left this impression upon him was paid about thirty-five years ago.

M. SARDOU AS POLITICIAN.

It may not be generally known that M. Sardou, who has just scored a fresh success with "L'Affaire des Poisons," at the Porte Saint Martin, once figured in a photograph as a member of the Chamber of Deputies. It happened in this way: A certain photographer was very anxious to produce the portraits of the 363 deputies constituting the Republican majority in the Chamber of 1877 which defeated the endeavour to overthrow the Republic. He obtained the likenesses of all of them except a certain Rouge, who was shy and refused to sit. The photographer in despair asked the advice of Gambetta. "Nothing is simpler," Gambetta said. "You have Sardou's portrait? Then use that He and Rouge are as much alike as two peas. No one will ever know the difference." The advice was taken, and M. Sardou figured all unwittingly in the number of the red Republicans.

THE COST OF PATENT MEDICINES.

The "British Medical Journal" has been analysing a number of patent medicines, estimating the cost of the materials, and comparing it with the prices charged for the compounds. The results will be startling, even to persons who know something of the figures of the wholesale drug trade. The most startling discrepancy is found in the case of a mixture which is sold for 11s. a bottle, and can be prepared, we are told, for 1-3d. a bottle; but the average discrepancy is surprising enough. Sixteen medicaments are dealt with in all. The total cost of them all to the vendor is 2s. 2d. To the purchaser in the chemist's shop they cost £4 3s. 6d., a profit of something like 2,000 per cent.

THE LATE MRS. NANSEN.

Dr. Nansen has received many expressions of sympathy in connexion with the sudden death of his wife. Mrs. Nansen visited England on several occasions, but never for long made her home in this country. Her father was Professor Sars, who enjoyed a European reputation as a biologist. Dr. and Mrs. Nansen were married in the autumn of 1889, soon after the explorer returned from his journey across the Greenland ice-cap, and the very day after the wedding they both started for Newcastle, where the British Association was that year holding its meetings, and where the explorer was due to deliver a lecture. Mrs. Nansen was a fine singer, and during her husband's absence on his North Polar expedition frequently appeared on the concert platform. As an artist also she is said to have been possessed of no little ability.

SOME UNCONVENTIONAL NEWSPAPERS.

"The "Chung Ngoi San Po," which, recently celebrated its jubilee by appearing on scarlet pages, has had many equally unconventional predecessors. Some years ago a Nebraska newspaper printed one of its issues on wall-paper. 'Having run all our white paper through,' was the humorous explanation, 'we are using up the wall-paper given us, and only the office-towel is left.' When the stock of white printing-paper in the Island of Trinidad once ran out the Port of Spain "Gazette" made a brilliant appearance on mauve paper, with a bright yellow inside supplement, followed by an issue printed on cerise paper, with a magenta supplement; a Cape newspaper was once published on brown paper the normal use of which was for parcels; and two successive issues of a native journal of Ahmedabad were a brilliant yellow and a dark green. Even more remarkable was "Le Mouchoir de Poche Politique," a French daily paper, which was printed on linen, and served the double purpose of a news-purveyor and a handkerchief."

AT HIS BEST.

At what age is a man at his best, and most likely to achieve his life work? asks the "Sunday School Chronicle." The Rev. F. B. Meyer once put the age at forty-six. That seemed late to a critic; but Dr. Leonard Guthrie at the Royal College of Physicians supported the statement. He quoted Jastro's table dealing with specially precocious people, which showed that the average age at which great artists did their first work was 13. 8; their first great work, 28; their greatest work, 46.7; and that the average age at death was 60.1. For poets the figures in the same order were: 15.6, 27.8, 43. 9, and 61 6; for philosophers, 17.6, 32.1, 47.7, and 66.3. Here is comfort for those who think of middle life as flat prose.

BRITISH AND AMERICAN BUILDING.

American and British methods of building are instructively compared in the current issue of "Building World," in which it is claimed that many English firms, in a quite English way, achieve just as much as any American, and on similar lines. In New York the best brickwork is that done by English bricklayers. An ideal combination would be that of the quiet, self-respecting determination of the English contractor's methods, coupled with the better organisation that the Americans have mastered. To encourage this there must be inducements. It is the offer of an incentive, says our contemporary, that keeps up the enthusiasm of the American in his work, and the absence of incentive leaves the young Englishman comparatively listless.

BY KITE TO THE CLOUDS.

The news that Professor Bell, of telephone fame, has invented a kite powerful enough to carry a man up into the clouds reminds us that as long ago as 1860 there was great talk of a similar mansupporting kite which was to be of great service for military purposes. Fifteen years later such a kite "for suspending a person in the air" was actually constructed from the designs of a Mr. A. M. Clark and was quickly followed by others devised by Messrs. Simmons and Snow and M. Biot, the last of whom nearly paid for his daring with his life. More successful was Lieutenant B. Baden-Powell's "air-car or man-lifting kite," which the inventor described as "a machine capable of lifting a man safely to a height—infinitely more portable than a balloon and infinitely less costly"; and with which, we believe, he has himself made an ascent of 100ft. or more.

THE CIGARETTE IN THE AMERICAN NAVY.

Dr. Presley M. Rixey, Surgeon-General of the United States Navy, has, we learn from the "British Medical Journal," recommended in his annual report that an order be issued by the Navy Department forbidding the use of cigarettes by all persons in the Navy under twenty-one years of age. It is stated that in three months the crew of the battleship "Missouri," numbering 700 men, used 1,500 books of cigarette papers, 1,200lb. of smoking tobacco and 37,000 cigarettes. None the less 48,000 cigarettes and 15,000lb. of candy, together with 1,000lb. of navy plug chewing tobacco and 30,000 cigars, have been loaded on the "Galgoa," in the Brooklyn Navy Yard, as a part of the canteen supply.

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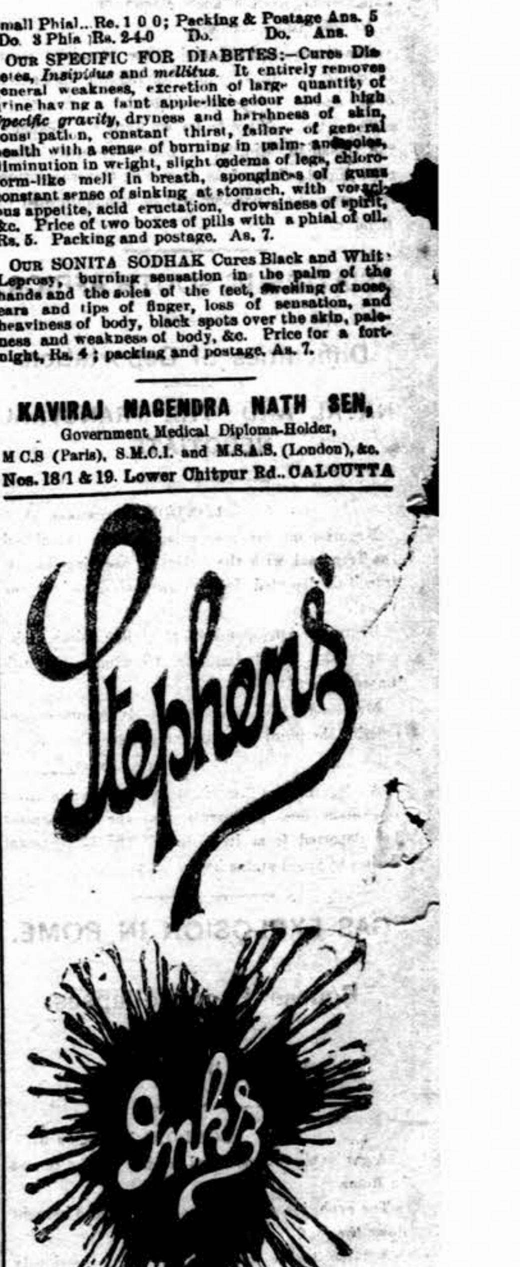

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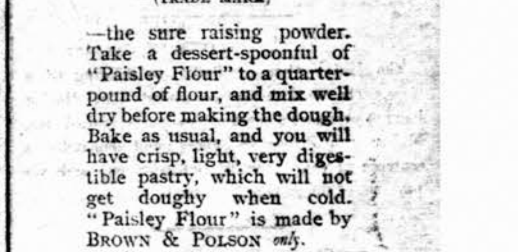

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## MEN AND MATTERS.

### THE DUKE'S MILITARY SECRETARY.

In Lord Lanesborough the Duke of Connaught takes out with him to Malta, where he is going as Commander of the Forces in the Mediterranean, a very fine sportsman and a capital fellow. Lord Lanesborough succeeded to the earldom only two years ago, and before that he was well known in society as Lord Newtown-Butler. His wife, a daughter of the late Major-General Sir Henry Tombs, is a strikingly pretty woman, and as she has in a supreme degree the art of dress, and is very cheerful and good company, she will be an immense addition to Maltese society, which is perhaps apt to be a little too stately. Lord and Lady Lanesborough are to have apartments in the same palace as the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, and their two daughters will, of course, be with them; but the son and heir, the present Lord Newtown-Butler, who is fourteen, will have to stay at Eton. Lord Lanesborough, who is a Coldstream Guardsman, served all through the South African war. He is very fair, by way of contrast to his wife, who is a brunette.

### A LITERARY SPORTING PEER.

Lord Ilchester, who has just been elected a member of the Jockey Club, is a man of very varied tastes for his thirty-three years. In collaboration with his mother, Mary Lady Ilchester, he edited "The Life and Letters of Lady Sarah Lennox," a most interesting book; and he also edited "The Further Memoirs of the Whig Party," by his kinsman the third Lord Holland. On the Turf, however, chief victories have yet to come; but his character his knowledge of the Sport of Kings are that even the Jockey Club itself is hened by his election. Lady Ilchester, it will be bered, is the daughter of Lord Londonderry, wedding, which took place in the unfashionable of January, was perhaps the most interesting of ear 1902.

### FORGETFUL BRIDEGROOM.

It is always a joke against Lord Ilchester—or Lord Stavordale as he was then— that he was so much in love with the charming Lady Helen Stewart, that a few days before the wedding he actually left behind him in a hansom-cab, while driving to Londonderry House, the brooches which he had bought for his bride and her ten bridesmaids. The cabman found them in a large parcel. "I thought they was the things they plays that new game ping-pong with," he observed; "they was red and blue like pill-boxes." And he actually stuffed the whole parcel and its contents into his horse's nose-bag, and it was not until he took it home, and Mrs. Cabman opened the "pill-boxes," that they found twelve bird brooches, each made of brilliant, flashing diamonds of the purest water! Meanwhile, the police had been scouring London, and great was the relief when the jewels were returned through Scotland Yard.

### A POPULAR M. F. H.

Lord Annaly, who is starting a subsctiption for the purpose of founding a memorial to the late Lord Chesham who was killed in the hunting field recently, is himself one of our finest huntsmen, and has been master of the Pytchley Hunt since 1902. Lord Annaly is the third baron, and succeeded his father ninteen years ago. He was formerly in the Scots Guards, and served with distinction in the Egyptain campaign of 1882. His lordship is very well-off and owns some fine property both in Ireland and in Northamptonshire. Holdenby House, his magnificent mansion in the latter place, came to him through his wife, who is a daughter of the third Lord Clifden. Holdenby was at one time the property of the great Duke of Marlborough, and has been celebarted in literature as "Holumby House" by Whyte Melville. Lord and Lady Annaly have a London residence in Berkeley Square, but they both prefer the country to town life, and most of their time is spent either at Holdenby or at Luttrellstown, Lord Annaly's place near Dublin.

### HE WEDDING OF THE LORD HIGH CHANCELLOR.

Simple to severity in some ways and distinguished in others the marriage of Lord Loreburn drew the curious to the jealously guarded railings of Palace Yard. Scant reward for their patient stand that cold afternoon was vouchsafed—glimpses of Members of Parliament, journalists, and photographers—privileged bearers of pink tickets—hurrying through, of coroneted carriages and big automobiles, and not many of those. The majority of the guests (including some bonquet-carrying ladies of the bride's family) democoatically chose four-wheelers, hansoms, and taxi-cabs, and few celebrities were recognised. The conveyance of the register from St. Margaret's afforded a mild excitement, and a greater came when Miss Violet Hicks-Beach, already late, motored to the wrong entrance and could not get in. From such a "contretemps" a Celtic crowd would have built gloomy augury, but the Londoner is, fortunately, not superstitious, and the bride smiled serenely.

### THE RARE SCENE OF THE CEREMONY.

Lord Loreburn, admirably punctual, utilised the interval in smiling conversation. It is doubtless his constant association with ceremony that made him the least nervous of bridegrooms, and he was also the cheeriest, and looked years younger than his three-score, a white flower decorating his buttonhole. He heartily joined in the general admiration of the little chapel under Westminster Hall. Not to many is it given to achieve the unique at a London wedding, but St. Stephen's crypt and a Lord Chancellor in office have never before figured in the respective "roles" that fell to them last week. An awkward and difficult place to get to, this miniature church, but exceedingly beautiful. At no period in its chequered story was it seen to such advantage, for it has been painstakingly renovated by the Office of Works, and the brilliant electric lighting revealed its splendour of gold and blue and red mosaics and marbles. White flowers and palms were introduced with artistic sparseness about the rails where the Bishop of London, Archdeacon Wilberforce, and Canon Henson waited.

### A GATHERING OF HIGH POLITICIANS.

The tiny nave was filled with chairs, and many familiar faces could be noted. Illness kept such friends as the Premier and Lord Crewe away, Lord Aberdeen and Mr. Birrell were otherwise occupied, so—and very sorrowfully—was Mr. Lloyd-George, but Mr. Herbert Gladstone brought his pretty wife, and Mr. Lewis Harcourt was with his, always one of the most elegantly dressed women in London. Lord Carrington, Lord Tweedmouth, and Lord Althorp further represented the Government, the ex-Speaker, Lord Selby, came, and Lord Halsbury beamed with friendly interest upon the nuptials of his successor. The Opposition sent an important contingent, friends of bridegroom and relatives of bride, for, like many another fervent politician, the Lord Chancellor has taken his wife from the opposite camp. Lord St. Aldwyn is her uncle, and Lady St. Aldwyn held the reception at her house in Eaton Place. Good looking Lord Granard, Master of the horse, acted as best man, a position seldom filled by a Roman Catholic at a Protestant rite.

### LADY LOREBURN.

There were no bridesmaids and, as the crypt does not possess an organ, no music. Miss Violet Hicks-Beach, a rather tall woman, with an animated, pleasing, and highly intelligent face, dark hair, and upright, dignified carriage, wore a creamy cloth dress softened about the bodice with old lace, and a becoming small white hat, and her white bouquet was mainly of heather in compliment to the Scots nationality of the bridegroom. She is her husband's junior by a full two decades. A pair-horse carriage conveyed Lord and Lady Loreburn on the first stage of their joint journey, and part of the honeymoon will be spent golfing at Deal, where the Lord Chancellor has his picturesque country home.

### SWEDEN'S NEW KING.

The new King, Gustaf of Sweden, who had been acting as Regent during the last days of his aged father, was probably the only heir-apparent in Europe who had so many opportunities of seeing what Kingship is like. On no fewer than six occasions he had assumed the reigns of government, and each time he proved himself to be a clever administrator with a keen knowledge of the affairs of State. His Majesty is now nearly fifty years of age, and, as befits a descendent of General Bernadotte, is greatly interested in military affairs. He is also noted for his evangelical tendencies, and is of a deeply religious turn of mind. He has a special claim upon the interest of Englishmen, being the father-in-law of the Duchess of Skane, formerly so popular as Princess Margaret of Connaught.

### A ROYAL TENNIS CHAMPION.

The King has few hobbies, but, curiously enough, is very fond of lawn-tennis, at which game he excels. He is frequently to be seen mixing with the ordinary players at a tennis club, and he is always eager for any hints or information they may be able to give him. A short time ago an international tennis-tournament was held at Stockholm, and the then Crown Prince gave a banquet in honour of the players in his own private apartments. Each guest on arriving was presented with a handsome blue and gold badge ornamented with a crown and to crossed tennis racquets, which entitled him to honorary life membership of the Crown Prince's club.

### "THE COLONEL'S WIFE."

The new Queen is a daughter of the Grand Duke and Grand Duchess of Baden, and for many years has been in very delicate health. It is on this account that she is seldom to be seen in Sweden, but spends most of her time travelling in Egypt and the Riviera. Shortly after her marriage, her husband took her among the senior officers of one of the regiments of which he was honorary colonel, and without any formal ty introduced her with the words: "Gentlemen, the colonel in command of this regiment wishes to introduce his wife to you." Ever since that time, her Majesty has been known by the nickname of "the Colonel's Wife."

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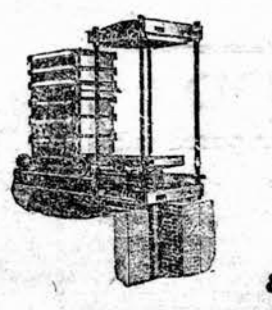

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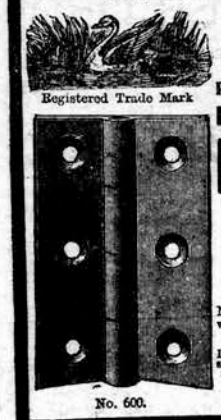

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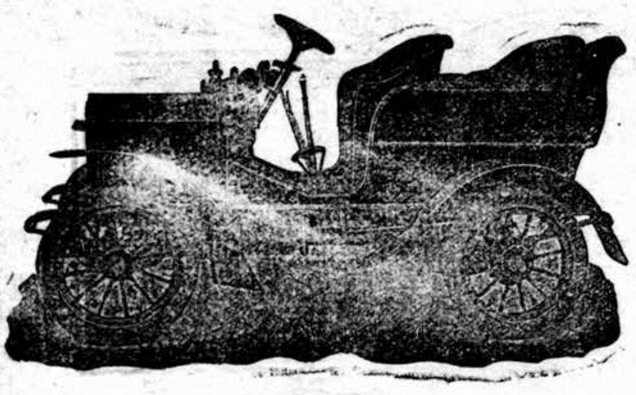

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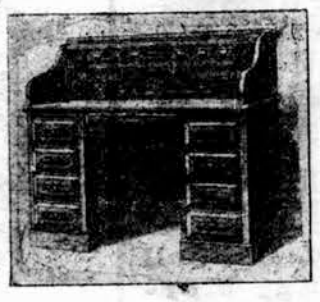

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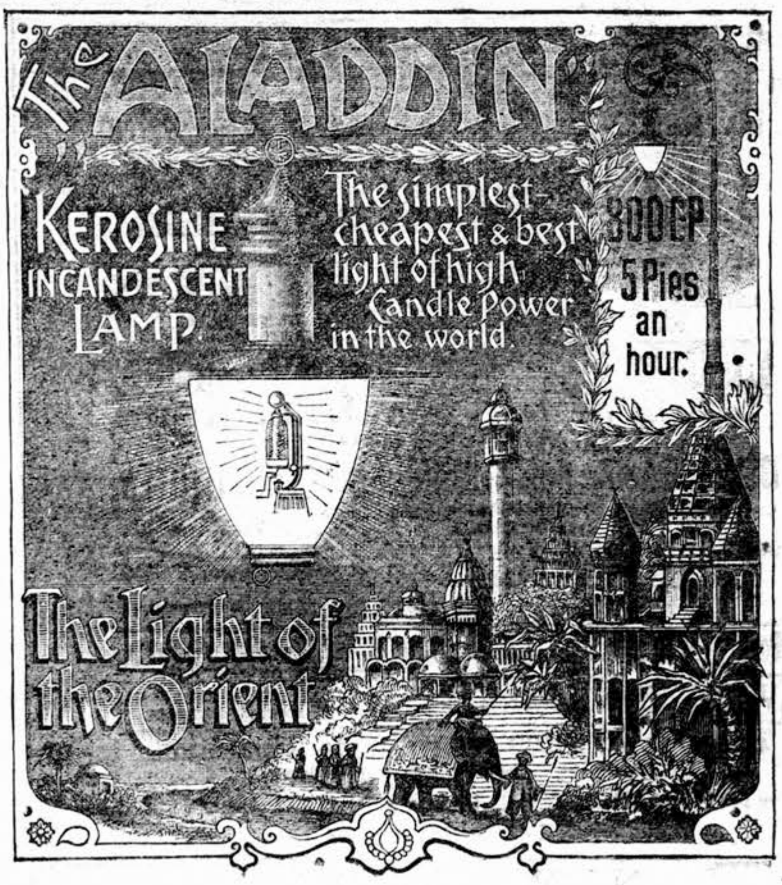
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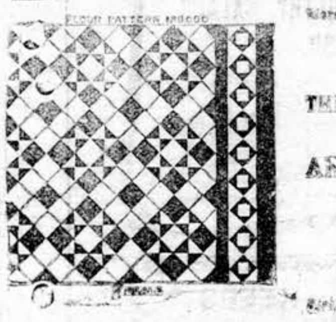

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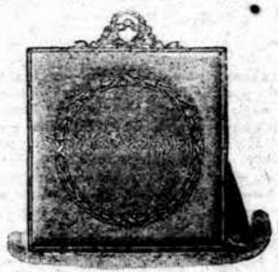

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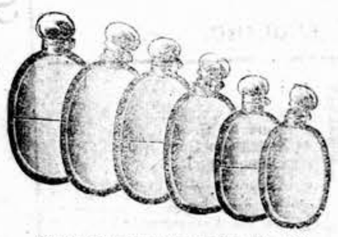

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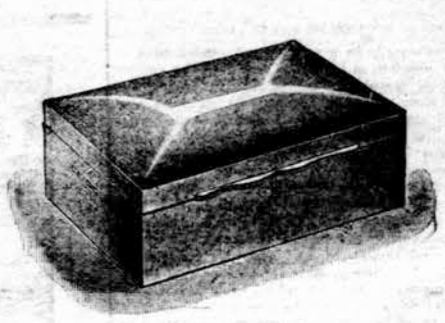

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